



For the Lord thy God
bringeth thee into a good land
a land of brooks of water,
of fountains and depths that
spring out of valleys and hills:
A land of wheat, and barley,
and vines, and fig trees,
and pomegranates:
a land of oil olive, and honey;
A land wherein thou shalt eat bread
without scarceness thou shalt not
lack anything in it: a land
whose stones are iron, and out
of whose hills thou mayest
dig brass.

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MILLIS MASS.



ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OF

MILLIS MASS

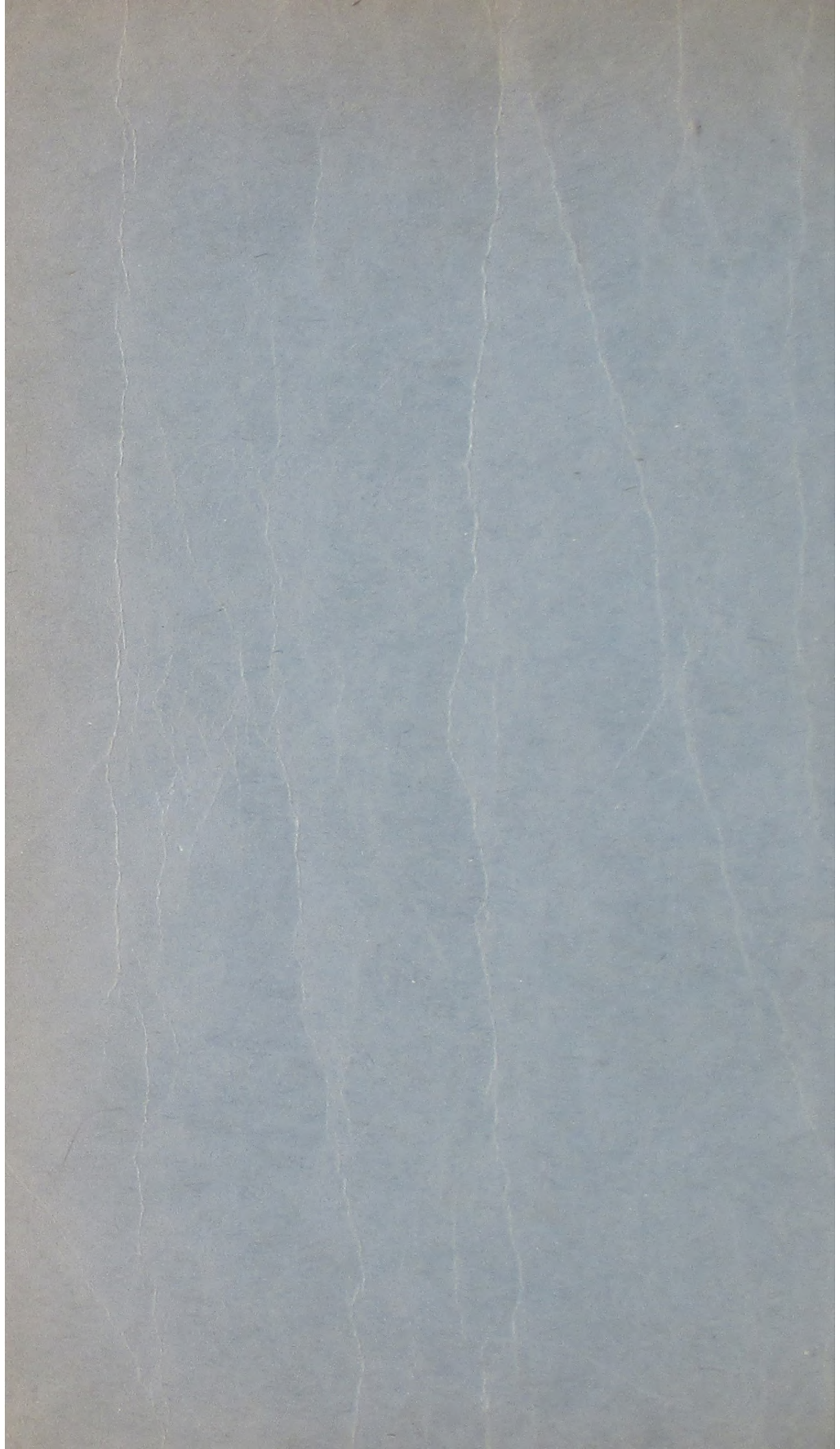
For the FISCAL YEAR
ENDING
DECEMBER
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1931



MEMORIAL R.R. STATION
AND TOWN OFFICE

LIBRARY





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Town of Millis

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1932

TOWN OFFICERS, 1931

Town Clerk
LLOYD C. KING

Town Treasurer
HERBERT H. THORNE

Selectmen

J. CLARENCE THORNE,	1932
HORACE M. CUSHMAN,	1933
CHARLES A. SMITH,	1934

Assessors

GEORGE Y. ROBINSON,	1932
MILLARD B. LaCROIX,	1933
STANLEY A. CLARK,	1934

Public Welfare

CHRISTOPHER C. CLANCY,	1932
EDMUND F. LOVELL,	1933
HERBERT H. THORNE,	1934

School Committee

WILLIAM B. ESSELEN,	1932
RUDOLPH F. KING,	1933
RICHARD F. DOWNING,	1934

Water Commissioners

W. HAROLD SIMPSON,	1932
LLOYD C. KING,	1933
CHARLES LaCROIX,	1934

Sewer Commissioners

LLOYD C. KING,	1932
CLARENCE E. SIMPSON,	1933
EVAN F. RICHARDSON,	1934

Park Commissioners

FRANK HAMM	1932
HARRY M. SHANNON,	1933
WILLIAM JUST,	1934

Cemetery Commissioners

EDMUND F. LOVELL,	1932
RUDOLPH F. KING,	1933
EVAN F. RICHARDSON,	1934

Library Trustees

MARTIN J. POWERS,	1932
MARJORY PIPER,	1933
THOMAS A. CONGDON,	1934

Constables

JOHN F. SULLIVAN	WILLIAM H. THORNE
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Tax Collector

J. CLARENCE THORNE

Tree Warden

LLOYD C. KING

Town Accountant

LAWRENCE J. REARDON

Moderator

RUDOLPH F. KING

Finance Committee, 1931

J. ALLEN COLE	FRANK BUTLER
HARTWELL K. JOHNSON	MAX NATHANSON
DENNIS J. MURPHY	

Officers Appointed by the Selectmen

Registrars of Voters

ELMER L. RICHARDSON, 1932
 GEORGE C. THRASHER, 1933
 KATHERINE TRAINOR, 1934

Fire Engineers

DELMONT C. ADAMS MILLARD B. LaCROIX
 OSCAR C. POND

Field Driver

WILLIAM H. THORNE

Public Weighers

HERBERT H. THORNE LOUIS THORNE
 GEORGE L. GATES WALTER S. BICKNELL
 JOHN R. LABAREE

Fence Viewer

JOHN H. INGRAHAM

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

HERBERT H. THORNE GEORGE C. THRASHER

Surveyor of Leather

FRED J. WIGHT

Inspector of Slaughtering

ARTHUR F. SCHOLL

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ARTHUR F. SCHOLL

Forest Warden

DELMONT C. ADAMS

Cattle and Milk Inspector
TIMOTHY J. McCARTHY

Superintendent of Streets
WILLIAM F. CUNNINGHAM

Chief of Police
ARTHUR F. SCHOLL

Special Police
WILLIAM H. THORNE JOHN CAMPBELL
JOHN F. SULLIVAN THOMAS CLANCY
JOHN McMAHON MAX NATHANSON

**Result of Ballots Cast February 9, 1931,
for Town Officers**

as announced by the Tellers

Moderator, one year, Rudolph F. King	540
Town Clerk, one year, Lloyd C. King	555
Town Treasurer, one year, Herbert H. Thorne	492
Tax Collector, one year, J. Clarence Thorne	444
Selectman, three years	
Frank J. Lindahl	106
Charles A. Smith	384
John M. Walker	238
School Committee, three years, Richard F. Downing	501
Water Commissioner, three years, Charles LaCroix	482
Board of Public Welfare, three years,	
Herbert H. Thorne	464
Tree Warden, one year, Lloyd C. King	500
Assessor, three years	
Stanley A. Clark	350

Arthur E. Post	342
Sewer Commissioner, three years, Evan F. Richardson	474
Cemetery Commissioner, three years, Evan F. Richardson	457
Library Trustee, three years, Thomas A. Congdon	418
Library Trustee, one year, Martin J. Powers	441
Park Commissioner, three years, William Just	455
Two Constables, one year, John F. Sullivan	490
William H. Thorne	483

School Building Committee

WILLIAM B. ESSELEN
J. ALLEN COLE
HERBERT H. THORNE
RUDOLPH F. KING
CHARLES A. SMITH
EVAN F. RICHARDSON
RICHARD F. DOWNING
FRANK HAMM
ARTHUR P. YOUNG

Memorial Day Committee

WALTER W. HOAR
WILLARD D. ROACH
J. FRANCIS SHEEHAN
CHARLES M. CUSHMAN
HAROLD A. STONE
GEORGE L. ADELSTEIN
LAWRENCE A. MOTT

Planning Board

OSGOOD T. DEAN
MOSES WASSERMAN
DAVID E. BEARSE
ARTHUR Z. NORCROSS
MAX NATHANSON
JAMES W. PAYSON

DR. FRANK J. PIPER
HARTWELL K. JOHNSON
MICHAEL F. POWER
FRANK J. LINDAHL
RICHARD BIGELOW
HAROLD W. WHITING
WALTER S. BICKNELL
MICHAEL H. CLANCY
ALBION F. CARLSON
FRANK S. WALKER
WOODWORTH J. RICE
ARTHUR E. POST
RICHARD K. THORNDIKE
FRANK P. CONGDON

RECORDS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HELD IN SNOW'S HALL, MILLIS, MASS.,
MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 9, 1931.

Meeting called to order by Moderator Rudolph F. King
at 7:30 P. M. when the Town Warrant was read.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator for one year, a Town Clerk for one year, a Town Treasurer for one year, Two Constables for one year, One Selectman for three years, One Overseer of the Poor for three years, One Assessor for three years, One School Committeeman for three years, One Trustee of Public Library for three years, One Cemetery Commissioner for three years, One Library Trustee for one year, One Park Commissioner for three years, One Sewer Commissioner for three years, One Tax Collector for one year, One Water Commissioner for three years, One Tree Warden for one year. All the above to be on one ballot.

After the results of the town election were read by Town Clerk, Lloyd C. King, the Moderator declared the various officers elected for their respective terms.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Voted unanimously to accept as a whole the various reports of Town Officers and Committees as printed in

the town report with the exception of the proposed By-Laws and Building Code.

Checkers appointed by the Moderator to act during the evening were Bertram Holland, Albion Carlson, Lawrence Reardon and Arthur Young.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2,900.00 for the maintenance of law and order, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Voted that the sum of \$2,900.00 be appropriated for the maintenance of law and order.

Art. 4. To see what disposition the Town will make of the money refunded by the County on account of dog licenses.

Voted that the money refunded by the County be turned over to the Public Library for its use.

Art. 5. To appropriate money for all necessary town expenses, including a sum sufficient to pay all Town Officers' salaries.

Voted individually to appropriate money for necessary town expenses itemized as follows:

School Department	\$36,700.00
Salaries of School Committee	150.00
Removal of Snow	1,200.00
State Aid	150.00
Public Library — Plus interest from Woolvett Fund	400.00
Public Welfare	3,000.00

Salaries of Public Welfare Committee	90.00
Street Lights	2,150.00
Cemetery Commissioners	250.00
Soldiers' Relief	100.00
Debt and Interest	16,597.41
Fire Department	3,000.00
Salaries of Fire Commissioners	200.00
Highways and Bridges	9,000.00
Salaries of Selectmen	300.00
Office expenses of Selectmen	100.00
Salary of Town Moderator	10.00
Salary of Town Accountant	600.00
Salary of Town Treasurer	300.00
Office expenses of Treasurer, this sum to include premium on Bond	150.00
Salaries of Assessors	500.00
Office expenses of Assessors	160.00
Salaries of Water Commissioners	200.00
Salary of Water Registrar	200.00
Salary of Town Clerk	112.00
Office expenses of Town Clerk	100.00
Salary of Board of Registrars	30.00
Salary of Election Officers	105.00
Expense of Election Officers	127.00
Salary of Town Office Janitor	100.00
Salary of Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00
Expenses of Sealer of Weights and Measures	10.00
General Office Expenses	590.00
Salary of Inspector of Animals	150.00

Salary of Inspector of Slaughtering	300.00
Salary of Sewer Commissioners	175.00
Salary of Inspector of Milk	50.00
Water Department — this amount to include a new pump at Pumping Station	10,000.00
Sewer Beds Maintenance	300.00
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Total, —	\$87,706.41

Under Article 5 the following votes were passed.

“Public Library”

Motion to appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for Public Library plus the interest from the Woolvett Fund.

“Highways & Bridges”

Motion to appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for Highways and Bridges was amended and amendment carried, that the town appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00 for Highways & Bridges, the additional \$1,000.00 to be used for a cement sidewalk on the Westerly side of Main Street beginning at the junction of Main and Exchange Streets running in a Westerly direction to the top of the hill.

“Salaries of Board of Registrars”

Motion to appropriate \$30.00 for salaries of Board of Registrars was amended and amendment LOST

to increase the salaries of the Board of Registrars to \$25.00 each.

"Salary of Milk Inspector"

By rising count "Yes" 84, — "No" 5, — it was VOTED to appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the Salary of Milk Inspector.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$300.00 towards the support of the District Nurse, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$300.00 toward the support of the District Nurse.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the Tree Department, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$700.00 for the Tree Department.

VOTED that the Tree Warden include the care of trees around Millis Memorial station.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Board of Health, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the use of the Board of Health.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for special repairs on such streets as are

selected by the Massachusetts Highway Commission acting in conjunction with the State and County, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for special repairs on such streets as are selected by the Massachusetts Highway Commission acting in conjunction with the State and County.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$847.55, said sum being the portion of the expense incurred and apportioned by the County Commissioners for the care and maintenance of the Norfolk County Hospital, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$847.55, said sum being the portion of the expense incurred and apportioned by the County Commissioners for the care and maintenance of the Norfolk County Hospital.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,409.79 for the suppression of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth and Elm Leaf Beetle, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the suppression of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth and Elm Leaf Beetle.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$200.00

for Memorial Day purposes and that the Moderator appoint a Committee to have charge of Memorial Day exercises.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will accept the John D. Hutchinson Cemetery Trust Fund, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town accept the John D. Hutchinson Cemetery Trust Fund.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of sixty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents to pay bill of the late Louis LaCroix, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$68.75 to pay bill of the late Louis LaCroix.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to change name of Millis Town Park to Legion Park, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED to dismiss the Article.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to pay land damages on Exchange Street as authorized by the County Commissioners or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that action on Article 16 be deferred until Article 34 has been acted upon.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to pay land damages on new way as authorized by

the County Commissioners, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$8.00 to pay land damages on new way as authorized by the County Commissioners.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to extend water service on Farm Street to house of Carl Johnson, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to extend water service to house of Victor Wiano or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED to take up Articles 18 and 19 together.

By rising count "Yes" 173 — it was unanimously VOTED that there be raised and appropriated the sum of \$16500.00 for extending water mains on Farm and Cedar Streets, said mains to be six inches or more in diameter; and that, to meet said appropriation, there be raised in the levy of the current year the sum of \$1650.00; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$14850.00 and to issue bonds or notes therefor, said bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than ten years from the date of issue of the first bond or note, or such earlier dates as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine.

At this time, at the request of the Moderator, Mr. Frank P. Congdon took the chair and acted as Moderator Pro Tem.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will appropriate \$300.00 to provide post quarters for the Millis Post 208, The American Legion (as provided under General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 9, as amended by Acts of 1923, Chapter 122), or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the town appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to provide post quarters for the Millis Post 208, The American Legion.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a new school building, including the original equipment and furnishing of same, and authorize the borrowing of any or all of said sum under authority of Chapter 134, Acts of 1930, or of any general laws, or to take any action relating thereto.

After this Article had been discussed pro and con for a considerable time, with a very splendid detailed explanation and recommendation by Superintendent of Schools, Lyman R. Allen, it was finally — by rising count "Yes" 168, — "No" 18 —

VOTED: to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a new school building; and to meet said appropriation there be raised in the tax levy of the current year the sum of \$10,000; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$90,000 and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor under authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 134, Acts of 1930, said bonds or notes to be payable in accordance

with the provisions of said act and of Chapter 44, General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than fifteen years, or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine.

VOTED that a Building Committee of nine be appointed to have charge of the construction of the new school building, four of whom shall be the Chairman of the School Committee, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Town Treasurer, the remaining five members to be selected by these four. The committee was comprised of the following: William B. Esselen, J. Allen Cole, Herbert H. Thorne, Rudolph F. King, Charles A. Smith, Evan F. Richardson, Richard F. Downing, Frank Hamm, Arthur P. Young.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of remodeling the Adams and Ellice schools, or take any action relative thereto.

VOTED to dismiss the Article.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for building an addition to the high school building, such addition to increase the floor space of said building, including the original equipping and furnishing of said addition, determine how the appropriation shall be raised, or take any action relative thereto.

VOTED to dismiss the Article.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300 to clean out the brook between Pleasant Street and the New Haven Railroad tracks or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$300 to clean out the brook between Pleasant Street and the New Haven Railroad tracks.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will accept the proposition of Fred H. Williams for the proposed relocation of Orchard Street, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town do accept the proposition of Fred H. Williams and that the Board of Selectmen of Millis is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with him whereby in consideration of his releasing the Town from any claim for damage for land taken under the proposed relocation of Orchard Street on the West-erly side of said street, the walls and trees from a point about 50 feet North of the outlet of Boggastowe Pond to a point about 1000 feet north of said outlet may remain undisturbed during my lifetime with the understanding that the maintenance and care of said walls and trees during said period shall be at the expense of said Williams; that said walls may then or thereafter be moved, in accordance with said plans, and such trees removed as said Board of Selectmen deem necessary, or as may then be agreed upon, and no damage shall be claimed therefor by said Williams, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

And with the further understanding that the present walls and fences belonging to him within the lines of the

new location as thus defined are to be moved at the expense of said Town so as to conform with said plans.

(Moderator Rudolph F. King resumed the chair.)

Art. 26. To see if the Town will accept the land conveyed to the Town by Fred H. Williams being a parcel of about 11 acres adjoining other land which the Town now uses as part of its water system, according to the conditions set forth in the deed of conveyance, that the land be always used by the Town as an addition to and for the purpose of its water system, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town accept the land conveyed to the Town by Fred H. Williams being a parcel of about 11 acres adjoining other land which the Town now uses as part of its water system, according to the conditions set forth in the deed of conveyance, that the land be always used by the Town as an addition to and for the purpose of its water system.

VOTED unanimously that a letter of thanks be sent through the office of the Town Clerk to Hon. Fred H. Williams for his gift of land which is to be used as part of the Town Water System.

March 3, 1931

Hon. Fred H. Williams,
60 Congress Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

At the Annual Town Meeting held February 9, 1931, the citizens of Millis voted to extend you a vote of thanks for your gift of land as given to the Water Department.

At this time we wish to express our appreciation of your gift, and your interest in the welfare of our town places you in the minds of all the people as one of our most honored citizens. It is with pride that we can call you one of us and we want you to know that your welfare and happiness as a resident of Millis will always be first in the minds of our citizens.

Respectfully,

LLOYD C. KING,

Town Clerk.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars to erect a building for the storage of tools and machines, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for the purpose of erecting a building for the storage of tools and machines belonging to the Town.

Art. 28. To see what disposition the Town wishes to

make of the money collected for interest on the sewer extension on Union St.

Motion made to turn the money collected for interest on the sewer extension on Union Street over to the Sewer Trustees to assist in paying notes.

Motion amended and it was VOTED to turn the money collected for interest on the sewer extension on Union Street over to the Sewer Fund.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to defend the Town in an action of contract brought by Edwin C. Jenney and John H. Blanchard for services claimed to have been rendered the Town in 1926 and 1927, or appropriate money for same or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to defend the Town in an action of contract brought by Edwin C. Jenney and John H. Blanchard for services claimed to have been rendered the Town in 1926 and 1927.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to re-adjust the lighting system at the junction of Village and Pleasant Streets, install one or more lights if necessary and appropriate money for the same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town authorize the Selectmen to re-adjust the lighting system at the junction of Village and Pleasant Streets, and install one or more lights, if necessary, and that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated for this purpose.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to install electric lights on any of the following locations:

Village Street in front of house of Robert R. Quinn
Acorn Street near house of Morris Yellen
Village Street near house of Nathan Rosen
Forest Road near house of Henry Ciampi
Orchard Street near house of Walter S. Bicknell
Baltimore Street near house of Esther Doliner

Motion made that the Town install electric lights as specified under Article 31.

This motion amended but LOST that three electric lights be installed on Acorn St. instead of one, near the house of Morris Yellen and that the sum of \$16.50 each be appropriated for the two extra lights.

VOTED that the Town install electric lights on the following locations:

Village Street in front of house of Robert R. Quinn
Acorn Street near house of Morris Yellen
Village Street near house of Nathan Rosen
Forest Road near house of Henry Ciampi
Orchard Street near house of Walter S. Bicknell
Baltimore Street near house of Esther Doliner

Art. 32. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for heating Niagara Hall for Boy Scout meetings, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED to dismiss the Article.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2000 for improvements in the Town Parks, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion LOST to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 and that it be invested and placed in trust and the Park Department be given the use of the interest received therefrom for park purposes.

VOTED that the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for Park purposes.

Art. 34. To see what action the Town will take in regard to establishing building lines on Exchange Street.

Motion made — That the Town establish a building line on the West side of Exchange Street between Main Street and Curve Street twelve feet back of the street line as it existed January 1, 1930.

That all existing structures and/or buildings are to remain, all new structures and/or buildings to be kept back to the new building line; that all present structures and/or buildings altered or repaired 40% or more of their value at the time of altering or repairing to be moved back to the new building line; that all present structures and/or buildings if damaged by fire 40% or more of their value at the time of the damages shall, if rebuilt, be considered as a new structure and/or building and treated as such in accordance with requirements as outlined above.

During the discussion of this Article, on account of the lateness of the hour it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting until 7:30 P. M., Monday evening, February 16, in Snow's Hall.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

Monday evening, February 16, 1931,

called to order by Moderator, Rudolph F. King,
at 7:40 P. M. in Snow's Hall.

Began working under Article 34 of the Town Warrant
and

After the Moderator read the motion which was before
the house (as above), it was VOTED that this matter be
indefinitely laid on the table.

The Finance Committee asked that Article 5 be re-
opened and it was voted that Article 5 be reopened for
action.

At the recommendation of the Finance Committee that
the Town increase the Snow appropriation \$800.00 due
to the fact that the Superintendent of Streets had already
spent more than \$1200.00 this year, it was VOTED that
the Town increase the Snow appropriation from \$1200.00
to \$2000.00.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$860.65
for salary of Tax Collector for 1930.

Finance Committee recommended increasing the ap-
propriation for Debt and Interest \$297.00, and it was
VOTED that the Town increase the appropriation on
Debt and Interest from \$16,597.41 as voted at the pre-
vious town meeting, to the sum of \$16,894.41.

At this time Mr. Raymond Simpson asked permission to talk for about five minutes which request the Moderator granted. Mr. Simpson talked on the new school building appropriation of \$100,000 which was appropriated at the meeting held February 9, 1931, and at which meeting he was not present.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to pay land damages on Exchange Street as authorized by the County Commissioners, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion made that the Town do authorize the Selectmen to pay land damages on Exchange Street as authorized by the County Commissioners.

There was considerable discussion pro and con under this Article and the above motion was finally amended and it was VOTED that the Town do not pay land damages for land taken by the County on the East side of Exchange Street and that the Town request the Selectmen to petition the Norfolk County Commissioners to relocate Exchange Street by rescinding the action taken by them on September 9, 1930, thus making the Street line on the East side of the Street the same as it existed on April 29, 1930.

Motion made and withdrawn that the Town appropriate the sum of \$63.50 to pay land damages on the West side of Exchange Street.

VOTED that Article 42 be acted upon immediately after Article 35.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will accept the Building Code as printed in the Town Report.

VOTED that the Article be dismissed.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the revised By-Laws as printed in the Annual Town Report, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion made that the Town accept the revised By-Laws as printed in the Annual Town Report.

Amendment LOST that each Article be taken up separately.

Corrections and changes were made as follows:

VOTED that Article 5, Sec. 7 be changed to read as follows:

"The Town Treasurer shall give bond to the Town in such sum as shall be satisfactory to the State Tax Commissioner, and with surety to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office."
and Section 11 to read

"In addition to the duties required by the law, the Collector of Taxes shall give bond to the town in such sum as shall be satisfactory to the State Tax Commissioner, with surety to the satisfaction of the Selectmen for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office."

Article 6, Sec. 2

VOTED that this Section be amended substituting \$1000.00 where it now reads \$500.00.

VOTED that the Town do accept the By-Laws as printed in the Annual Town Report with the corrections as they have been voted.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will appropriate \$75.00 for printing the By-Laws and Building Code.

VOTED that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated for the purpose of printing the Revised By-Laws of the Town.

Art. 37. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the annual election of the Board of Selectmen.

VOTED that the Article be dismissed.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to have the moderator appoint a town planning committee of twenty citizens, or act in any manner relating thereto.

After hearing some of the possible duties of a town planning committee it was VOTED that the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a Town Planning Committee of twenty citizens.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote that the rate of pay for town labor in all departments shall be 60¢ per hour.

Motion LOST that this Article be dismissed.

Motion made that the Town pay 60¢ per hour for all town labor with the exception of the School Department and Fire Department.

After discussion motion amended and it was VOTED that the minimum rate of wage for all town labor in all departments be 60¢ per hour.

Art. 40. To see what action the Town will take regarding the compensation of the Tax Collector, whether by amendment of existing town By-Laws or otherwise.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$750.00, plus \$117.50 for expenses which is to include premium on bond, for salary of Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to place the name of the Superintendent of Streets on the ballot, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Article be dismissed.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift tendered by Mr. Evan F. Richardson, said gift to consist of five acres of land more or less, lying west of the town cemetery and said land to be used for cemetery purposes, with such conditions as are found in the offer made by Mr. Richardson, or take any action relative thereto.

If the Town accepts this land it is with the following conditions:

That it be under the charge of the Cemetery Commission and not be used for burial purposes until

properly laid out, and then only for citizens or former citizens of the town, irrespective of color, religion, or nationality; and that a lot or lots totaling at least 3,000 feet in area be maintained for the burial of such persons as have no available means.

VOTED unanimously that the Town do accept the gift tendered by Mr. Evan F. Richardson, said gift to consist of five acres of land more or less, lying west of the town cemetery and said land to be used for cemetery purposes, with such conditions as are found in the offer made by Mr. Richardson.

VOTED that the Town Clerk be instructed to convey to Mr. Richardson the sincere thanks of the citizens of the Town of Millis for this gift of land and that it be so recorded on the Town records.

March 3, 1931

Mr. Evan F. Richardson,
Millis,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Richardson:

At the Annual Town Meeting the citizens of Millis voted to extend you a vote of thanks for your gift of land as given to the Cemetery Department.

As one of our most honored and respected citizens we want you to know that your gift is appreciated very much by the citizens of this town. We take great pride

in your progress and continued success in town, county and state affairs, and we are very proud that we can claim you as one of our own. Your never tiring interest in the things that are always best for our town and your very generous gift, will always stand as a memorial to you in the minds of the people of Millis.

Respectfully,

LLOYD C. KING,
Town Clerk.

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to build a four-foot cement sidewalk 615 feet in length on Main Street from the junction at Main and Exchange Street to the westerly side of Auburn Road, and appropriate money for this purpose, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED to dismiss the Article as it was taken care of under Art. 5, heading "Highways and Bridges."

Art. 45. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to grant a franchise to the Taunton Gas Company to extend their service to Millis, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED unanimously that the Town instruct the Selectmen to grant a franchise to the Taunton Gas Company to extend their service to Millis provided they will agree to put the streets back in the same condition in which they find them.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate

the sum of \$1200.00 for the purchase of a portable forest fire pump and two thousand feet of one inch forest fire service hose, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion made that the Town do appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 for the purchase of a forest fire pump and two thousand feet of one inch forest fire service hose.

Motion amended but not carried that the amount be increased to \$1900 for the purchase of a forest fire pump, truck and hose.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1200.00 for the purchase of a forest fire pump and two thousand feet of one-inch forest fire service hose.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of 2½-inch fire hose, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of 2½-inch fire hose.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to request the American Telephone & Telegraph Company to remove all of their poles now on public property, between Exchange Street and Plain Street on Lavender Street; placing their telephone lines underground, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion LOST to dismiss the Article.

VOTED that the Town instruct the Selectmen to request the American Telephone & Telegraph Company to

remove all of their poles now on public property, between Exchange Street and Plain Street on Lavender Street, placing their telephone lines underground.

Art. 49. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 under General Laws, Chapter 118A, Chapter 402, Acts of 1930 (Old Age Pension), or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1900.00 under General Laws, Chapter 118A, Chapter 402, Acts of 1930 (Old Age Pension), plus \$100.00 for the expenses of the Welfare Committee.

Art. 50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use the balance in the Treasury January 1, 1931, in making up their tax rate, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town authorize the Assessors to use the balance in the Treasury January 1, 1931, in making up their tax rate. This balance amounts to \$20,542.89.

Art. 51. To see if the Town will vote to transfer cash balances from various departments into General Cash, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the Town transfer cash balances from various departments into General cash.

Art. 52. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to investigate as to the advisability of securing a part of the land contained in the area bounded by Auburn Road on the West, Main Street on the South, Exchange

Street on the East, and the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. on the North, this land to be used for parking purposes, or any other town needs.

VOTED to dismiss the Article.

Art. 53. That the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1931, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said municipal year.

VOTED that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1931, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said municipal year.

VOTED to re-open Article 5 to act under heading Debt and Interest.

VOTED to increase Debt & Interest \$2,000.00 on account of the appropriation for the new school building, increasing the figure from \$16,894.41 to \$18,894.41.

Art. 54. To grant money appropriated in the foregoing articles.

VOTED that the Town grant the sum of \$110,887.97 as appropriated in the foregoing articles.

VOTED to adjourn.

List of Appropriations for 1931

TOWN OF MILLIS MASS.

Art. 3.	Law and Order		\$2,900.00
Art. 5.	Town Expenses		
	School Department	\$36,700.00	
	Salaries of School Committee	150.00	
	Removal of Snow	2,000.00	
	State Aid	150.00	
	Public Library	400.00	
	Public Welfare	3,000.00	
	Salaries of Public Welfare Com.	90.00	
	Street Lights	2,150.00	
	Cemetery Commissioners	250.00	
	Soldiers' Relief	100.00	
	Debt and Interest	18,894.41	
	Fire Department	3,000.00	
	Salaries of Fire Commissioners	200.00	
	Highways and Bridges	9,000.00	
	Salaries of Selectmen	300.00	
	Office Expenses of Selectmen	100.00	
	Salary of Town Moderator	10.00	
	Salary of Town Accountant	600.00	
	Salary of Town Treasurer	300.00	
	Office Expenses of Treasurer	150.00	
	(Included Premium on Bond)		

Salaries of Assessors	500.00	
Office Expenses of Assessors	160.00	
Salary of Tax Collector	860.65	
Salaries of Water Commissioners	200.00	
Salary of Water Registrar	200.00	
Salary of Town Clerk	112.00	
Office Expenses of Town Clerk	100.00	
Salaries of Board of Registrars	30.00	
Salaries of Election Officers	105.00	
Expenses of Election Officers	127.00	
Salary of Town-Office Janitor	100.00	
Salary of Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00	
Expenses of Sealer of Weights and Measures	10.00	
General Office Expense	590.00	
Salary of Inspector of Animals	150.00	
Salary of Inspector of Slaughtering	300.00	
Salaries of Sewer Commissioners	175.00	
Salary of Inspector of Milk	50.00	
Water department	10,000.00	
Sewer Beds Maintenance	300.00	
Total,		91,664.06
Art. 6. District Nurse		300.00
Art. 7. Tree Department		700.00

Art. 8.	Board of Health	800.00
Art. 9.	Special Repairs on Streets	12,000.00
Art. 10.	Norfolk County Hospital	847.55
Art. 11.	Suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth	1,000.00
Art. 12.	Memorial Day	200.00
Art. 16.	Bill of Late Louis LaCroix	68.75
Art. 17.	Land Damages on New Way	8.00
Art. 18 & 19.	Water Service Extension on Farm Street	1,650.00
Art. 20.	Quarters for Millis Post No. 208	300.00
Art. 21.	New School Building	10,000.00
Art. 24.	Cleaning Brook, Pleasant St. to N. H. R. R.	300.00
Art. 27.	Tool Building for Town Implements	2,000.00
Art. 29.	Defense of Law Suit	25.00
Art. 30.	Readjusting Lights at junction of Village and Pleasant Streets	50.00
Art. 33.	Town Park	2,000.00
Art. 36.	Printing Revised By-Laws	50.00
Art. 40.	Tax Collector's Salary for year 1931	750.00
	Expenses of Tax Collector, this to include premium on Bond	117.50
Art. 46.	Forest Fire Pump and Hose	1,200.00
Art. 47.	Fire Hose — 2½-in.	500.00
Art. 49	Old Age Pension and expenses of Wel. Com.	2,000.00

Total, — \$131,430.86

Minus balance in Treasury
Jan. 1, 1931 — 20,542.89

Total amount granted 110,887.97

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Friday, Sept. 18, A. D. 1931

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Millis, in said
County, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of
the Town of Millis, qualified to vote in Elections and in
Town Affairs, to meet in the

Grange Hall in said Millis

FRIDAY THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF

SEPT., 1931

At 8 O'clock P. M.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate
a sum of money for the repair of Orchard Street Bridge,
or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate
a sum of money for the Cutting of brush, to relieve un-
employment, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Overlay Reserve the amount of money appropriated in the foregoing Articles, or act in any manner relating thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by the vote of the Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this Ninth day of September, A. D. 1931.

H. M. CUSHMAN,
J. CLARENCE THORNE,
CHARLES A. SMITH,

Selectmen of Millis.

A true copy.

Attest:

WILLIAM H. THORNE, Constable of Millis.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

held in Grange Hall, Millis, Mass.

Friday Evening, September 18, 1931,

at 8:00 P. M.

Meeting called to order by Moderator Rudolph F. King, and as there was not 15% of the voters present, it was voted to declare a recess for fifteen minutes.

Meeting called to order again at 8:15 P. M. with 15% of the voters present.

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the repair of Orchard Street Bridge, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that \$600.00 be appropriated for Orchard Street Bridge repair.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the cutting of brush, to relieve unemployment, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED to appropriate \$2,000.00 for the cutting of brush.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from overlay reserve the amount of money appropriated in the foregoing Articles, or act in any manner relating thereto.

VOTED that the sum of \$600.00 be transferred to Orchard Street Bridge account and \$2,000.00 to Brush account from the overlay reserve account.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P. M.

LLOYD C. KING,
Town Clerk.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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**REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS
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For The Period From January 1, 1930 to July 7, 1931

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of

Chapter 44, General Laws

September 5, 1931

VOTED that the sum of \$600.00 be transferred to Orchard Street Bridge account and \$2,000.00 to Brush account from the overlay reserve account.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P. M.

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To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Horace M. Cushman, Chairman

Millis, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Millis for the period from January 1, 1930 to July 7, 1931, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

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Director of Accounts

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Millis for the period from January 1, 1930 to July 7, 1931, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the town, as recorded in the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, were examined and checked with the books of the town accountant.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked with the treasurer's books and with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town.

The appropriations and transfers, as entered in the ledger, were checked to the town clerk's records of appropriations and transfers authorized by the town.

In checking the financial votes of the town it was noted that a vote passed at a town meeting held February 10, 1930, provided for a transfer of \$833.11 from the current overlay account to general cash. The raising of overlays for the abatement of taxes is authorized under Section 25, Chapter 59, General Laws, this section also providing that any balance in the overlay account in excess of the amount of the tax levy remaining to be collected or abated, shall be transferred to a reserve fund to be used for extraordinary or unforeseen expenses. Any action affecting a transfer from this fund must be authorized by the town before a transfer is made.

It is evident that this reserve fund, or overlay surplus account as it is sometimes called, has been confused with the reserve fund mentioned in Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws, which also should be sanctioned by a town meeting vote. During the past few years thousands of dollars have been transferred by the finance committee from the overlay surplus account without vote of the town. The amount thus erroneously used from the overlay reserve fund was set up again on the ledger at the completion of the audit.

The receipts as shown on the accountant's books were

checked with the records of the treasurer, and the payments were compared with the warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds.

In checking vouchers and pay-rolls to the treasurer's warrants, it was found that in several instances expenses incurred in 1929 and 1930 had been paid from the appropriations of 1930 and 1931, respectively. The practice of paying bills of prior years from appropriations provided for current years' expenses should be discontinued in the future.

A number of the treasurer's warrants lacked the approval of a majority of the members of the board of selectmen, and in various instances the amount of the warrant had been changed, apparently after its approval by the selectmen. All warrants should be carefully and accurately prepared, and their approval by at least a majority of the board of selectmen should be secured before they are paid by the treasurer.

The classification book was examined and checked with the ledger accounts.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The cash in the office was verified by an actual count, and the bank balance was reconciled with a statement furnished by the bank in which the town funds are deposited.

The town debt, revenue loans, and interest were verified, and the payments were checked with the amounts falling due and with the canceled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the various trust funds were examined and listed. The income was proved and the withdrawals were checked with the receipts as shown in the treasurer's cash book.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were checked in detail. The commitments of taxes and assessments were proved and checked with the assessors' warrants. The payments to the treasurer for the several levies were checked to the treasurer's cash book, and the abatements were checked with the assessors' record of abatements granted.

The outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accounts as shown in the accountant's ledger. These accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

Any refunds due a taxpayer should be made by the town treasurer as provided by Section 35, Chapter 41, General Laws.

When making payments to the treasurer, the collector should submit the detail of such payments to the treasurer and the town accountant on the forms provided for this purpose.

The collection of water accounts, recorded as liens against real estate, should be paid to the treasurer in total. The collector's commission for such collections should be paid from the appropriation for the collector and should not be deducted from the amounts collected.

The books and accounts of the water department were examined and checked. The commitments were analyzed,

the abatements were checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified by a comparison with the treasurer's books. The outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled, and the cash on hand was verified.

The town clerk's records of hunting and fishing and of dog licenses were examined, and the payments to the state and county, respectively, were verified with the receipts on file.

The accounts of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and reconciled with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

It was found that some departments were expending a portion of their receipts instead of depositing them in the town treasury as received, in accordance with the provisions of Section 53, Chapter 44, General Laws.

The proceeds of the sale of park land, amounting to \$2,000.00 has been set aside to be used only for such purposes as are authorized by Section 63, Chapter 44, General Laws.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, tax collector, and town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form. The bond of the water registrar was found to be in the form of a continuation certificate and it is recommended that an annual bond be filed similar in form to that of the town treasurer.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax, assessment, water and trust fund accounts, together with a balance sheet reflecting the financial condition of the town as of July 7, 1931.

For the courtesies extended by the various town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,

Chief Accountant.

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RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

General

Balance January 1, 1930,	\$27,083.62	
Receipts 1930,	213,934.09	
Transfer from Sewer Assessment Investment Fund,	2,366.25	\$243,383.96
Payments 1930,	\$217,465.73	
Transfer to Sewer Assessment Investment Fund,	1,702.41	
Balance December 31, 1930,	24,215.82	\$243,383.96
Balance January 1, 1931,	\$24,215.82	
Receipts January 1 to July 7, 1931,	161,494.40	\$185,710.22
Payments January 1 to July 7, 1931:		
Per warrants,	\$84,074.17	
Without warrants:		
Discount on temporary loan,	197.76	
	\$84,271.93	
Transfer to Sewer Assessment Investment Fund,	110.20	

Balance July 7, 1931,	101,328.09	\$185,710.22
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Balance July 7, 1931,	\$101,328.09	
Cash over,	.56	
		\$101,328.65
Cash on hand July 7, 1931:		
Natick Trust Company,	\$101,318.65	
In office, verified,	10.00	
		<hr/> \$101,328.65

Natick Trust Company

Balance July 7, 1931,		
per statement,		\$107,229.81
Balance July 7, 1931, per check		
register,	\$101,318.65	
Outstanding checks, July 7, 1931,		
per list,	5,911.16	
		\$107,229.81

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

SEWER ASSESSMENT INVESTMENT FUND

Balance January 1, 1930,	\$9,344.32	
Receipts 1930:		
Interest on deposits,	457.64	
Transfer from General Cash:		
Sewer assessments and		
committed interest,	1,702.41	
		\$11,504.37
Transfer to General Cash:		
Maturing sewer debt and		
interest,	\$2,366.25	
Balance December 31, 1930,	9,138.12	

		<u>\$11,504.37</u>
Balance January 1, 1931,	\$9,138.12	
Transfer from General Cash:		
Sewer assessments and		
committed interest,	110.20	
		\$9,248.32
Balance July 7, 1931:		
Medway Savings Bank,		
Book #8230,		<u>\$9,248.32</u>

TAXES — 1929

Commitments,	\$82,192.54	
Adjustments:		
Abatements after payment,		
refunded,	160.64	
Payments after abatement,		
adjusted,	20.30	
Overpayment to treasurer,		
refunded,	136.42	
		\$82,509.90
Payments to treasurer:		
1929,	\$81,701.10	
1930,	20.30	
	\$81,721.40	
Abatements,	623.03	
Adjustments:		
Abatements after payment,		
(refunded by collector),	160.64	
Taxes 1929 reported as motor		
vehicle excise taxes 1929,	4.83	
		<u>\$82,509.90</u>

TAXES — 1930

Commitment per warrant,	\$79,366.58	
Adjustments:		
Commitment list in excess of warrant,	.30	
Abatements after payment, refunded,	88.00	
Overpayment to collector, adjusted,	2.00	
		\$79,456.88
Payments to treasurer 1930,	\$79,012.64	
Abatements 1930,	91.05	
Abatements after payment, refunded by collector,	88.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1930,	265.19	
		<u>\$79,456.88</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1931,	\$265.19	
Overpayment to treasurer, to be adjusted,	\$4.50	
		\$269.69
Abatements, Jan. 1 to July 7, 1931,	\$263.69	
Outstanding July 7, 1931, per list,	6.00	
		<u>\$269.69</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES — 1929

Commitments,	\$5,947.23
Adjustments:	
Abatements after payment, refunded,	438.12
Taxes 1929 reported as motor vehicle excise taxes 1929,	4.83
Overpayment to treasurer,	

to be adjusted,	43.31	\$6,433.49
Payments to treasurer:		
1929,	\$5,249.01	
1930,	110.54	
	\$5,359.55	
Abatements:		
1929,	\$573.77	
1930,	1.47	
	575.24	
Abatements after payment, refunded by collector,	438.12	
Outstanding December 31, 1930 and July 7, 1931, per list,	60.58	
		<u>\$6,433.49</u>

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES — 1930

Commitment per warrant,	\$5,256.42	
Abatements after payment, refunded,	299.37	\$5,555.79
Payments to treasurer 1930,	\$4,771.52	
Abatements 1930,	326.28	
Abatements after payment, refunded by collector,	299.37	
Outstanding December 31, 1930,	158.62	
		<u>\$5,555.79</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1931,	\$158.62	
Overpayment to treasurer, to be adjusted,	24.86	\$183.48
Abatements January 1 to July 7, 1931,	\$20.89	
Outstanding July 7, 1931, per list,	162.59	
		\$183.48

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES — 1931

Commitment per warrant,	\$3,638.59	
Abatements after payments, to be refunded,	35.34	\$3,673.93
Payments to treasurer January 1 to July 7, 1931,	\$2,835.04	
Abatements not previously reported,	89.21	
Cash on hand July 7, 1931, verified,	279.08	
Outstanding July 7, 1931, per list,	470.60	\$3,673.93

MOTH ASSESSMENTS — 1929

Commitment,	\$170.59
Payments to treasurer 1929,	\$170.59

MOTH ASSESSMENTS — 1930

Commitment per warrant,	\$159.46
Payments to treasurer 1930,	\$157.96
Warrant in excess of commitment list,	1.50
	\$159.46

APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENTS — 1929

Commitment,	\$1,606.05
Payments to treasurer 1929,	\$1,606.05

APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENTS — 1930

Commitment,	\$1,716.25
Payments to treasurer 1930,	\$1,716.25
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COMMITTED SEWER INTEREST — 1929

Commitment,	\$192.73
Payments to treasurer 1929,	\$192.73
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COMMITTED SEWER INTEREST — 1930

Commitment,	\$96.36
Payments to treasurer 1930,	\$96.36
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INTEREST — TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS — 1929

Collections:		
Taxes,	\$162.12	
Motor vehicle excise taxes,	7.21	
Sewer Assessments,	.13	
		\$169.46
Payments to treasurer 1929,		\$169.46
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INTEREST — TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS — 1930

Collections:	
Taxes,	\$176.44

Motor vehicle excise taxes,	1.46	
Sewer assessments,	2.12	
		\$180.02
Payments to treasurer 1930,		<u>\$180.02</u>

WATER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding January 1, 1930,	\$1,510.66	
Commitment,	9,212.19	
		\$10,722.85
Payments to treasurer,	\$8,816.04	
Abatements,	45.27	
Outstanding December 31, 1930,	1,861.54	
		<u>\$10,722.85</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1931,	\$1,861.54	
Commitment January 1 to July 7, 1931,	6,421.39	
Cash over,	.42	
		\$8,283.35
Payments to treasurer January 1 to July 7, 1931,	\$1,500.00	
Abatements January 1 to July 7, 1931,	56.05	
Outstanding July 7, 1931, per list,	5,304.36	
Cash on hand July 7, 1931:		
Framingham		
Trust Company,	\$1,342.16	
In office, verified,	80.78	
	1,422.94	
		<u>\$8,283.35</u>

Framingham Trust Company

Balance July 7, 1931,	
per statement,	\$1,101.16

Deposit July 7, 1931, credited July 8, 1931,	241.00	
		\$1,342.16
Balance July 7, 1931, per check book,		\$1,342.16
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LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1930,	\$2,273.01	\$1,000.00	\$3,273.01
On hand at end of year 1930,	\$2,285.70	\$1,000.00	\$3,285.70
On hand July 7, 1931,	\$2,315.70	\$1,000.00	\$3,315.70

Receipts

Payments

1930

Income,	\$176.05	Added to savings deposits,	\$12.69
		Transferred to town,	163.36
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	\$176.05		\$176.05
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January 1 to July 7, 1931

Income,	\$30.00	Added to savings deposits,	\$30.00
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CEMETERY GENERAL CARE FUNDS

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1930,	\$6,145.56	\$6,145.56
On hand at end of year 1930,	\$6,206.75	\$6,206.75

On hand July 7, 1931,		\$6,256.75	\$6,256.75
Receipts		Payments	
	1930		
Income,	\$311.74	Added to savings	
Sale of cemetery		deposits,	\$61.19
lots,	70.00	Transfer to town,	321.05
Transfer to fund,	.50		
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	\$382.24		\$382.24
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January 1 to July 7, 1931			
Sale of cemetery		Added to savings	
lots,	\$50.00	deposits,	\$50.00

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1930,		\$3,863.75	\$3,863.75
On hand at end of year 1930,		\$3,962.50	\$3,962.50
On hand July 7, 1931,		\$3,962.50	\$3,962.50
Receipts		Payments	
1930			
Income,	\$200.35	Added to savings	
Bequests,	100.00	deposits,	\$98.75
		Transfer to town,	201.60
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	\$300.35		\$300.35

No transactions January 1 to July 7, 1931.

TOWN OF MILLIS

Balance Sheet — July 7, 1931

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:		Temporary Loans:	
General,	\$101,328.09	In Anticipation of	
Sewer Assessment		Revenue 1931,	
Investment Fund,	9,248.32	Collector's Overpay-	\$45,000.00
Accounts Receivable:		ments to Treasurer:	
Taxes:		Taxes 1930,	\$4.50
Levy of 1930,		Motor Vehicle Excise	
Motor Vehicle Excise		Tax 1929,	43.31
Taxes:		Motor Vehicle Excise	
Levy of 1929,	\$60.58	Tax 1930,	24.86
Levy of 1930,	162.59		
Levy of 1931,	714.34	Premiums on Loans:	72.67
Tax Titles,		Reserved for Pay-	
Departmental:		ment of Debt,	
Public Welfare,	\$284.33	Sewer Assessment	882.00
State Aid,	95.00	Investment Fund,	9,248.32
		Sale of Park Land,	2,000.00
		Sale of Cemetery Lots,	25.00
		Unexpended Appropri-	
			379.33

Water Rates, State Aid to High- ways, County Aid to High- ways, Revenue 1931, Less estimated receipts collected,	6,726.88 13,074.91 14,049.92 \$131,430.86 8,436.22	ation Balances : General Purposes, New School House, Water Mains Ex- tension, Reserve Fund — Overlay Surplus, Overlay Reserved for Abatements : Levy of 1930, Revenue Reserved Until Collected : Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, Tax Title, Departmental, Water,	\$96,272.09 85,487.93 8,109.88 189,869.90 6,418.32 6.00 \$937.51 245.37 379.33 6,726.88
Loans Authorized : Water Mains Ex- tension, Overdrawn Accounts : Cemetery,	122,994.64 4,850.00 227.55	Surplus Revenue,	8,289.09 12,257.22
	<u>\$274,068.52</u>		<u>\$274,068.52</u>

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments not due,	Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue
\$991.80	Due in :
	1931,
	1932,
	1933,
	1934,
	1935,
	1936,
	1937,
	1938,
	1939,
<u>\$991.80</u>	<u>\$110.20</u>
	110.20
	110.20
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	110.20
	<u>\$991.80</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	
\$153,070.00	Sewer Loan 1920,
	Sewer Loan 1928,
	Sewer Loan 1930,
	School Loan 1913,
	School Loan 1922,
	School Loan 1931,
	Water Loan 1913,
	\$30,000.00
	6,000.00
	1,000.00
	3,150.00
	2,900.00
	90,000.00
	3,000.00

Water Loan 1925,	3,160.00
Water Loan 1927,	860.00
Water Loan 1930,	3,000.00
Water Loan 1931,	10,000.00
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	\$153,070.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Library Trust Fund,	\$3,315.70
Cemetery General Care Fund,	6,256.75
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	3,962.50
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	\$13,534.95

Trust Fund Cash and Securities,

\$153,070.00

\$13,534.95

\$13,534.95

BIRTHS RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR 1931

Date	Name	Parents
Jan. 9	Marjorie Olive Blaney.....	Albert B. and Selma C.
Feb. 1	Russell Richardson Clark.....	Russell R. and Lillian M.
" 2	Suzanne Martha Piper.....	Frank J. and Marjory R.
" 4	Evelyn Ruth Mael.....	Morris and Mary
" 10	Eloise Frances Desley.....	Maurice J. and Alice L.
" 10	Martha Rosalie Murphy.....	Dennis and Annie B.
" 11	Signe Ingeborg Gavin.....	Basil and Signe
" 18	Barbara Jean Simmons.....	Joseph and Jessie M.
" 22	Geraldine Elizabeth Just.....	William and Grace
Mar. 2	Samuel Winiker Mushnick.....	Morris C. and Judith
" 27	Charles Anthony De Angelis Jr.....	Charles A. and Lena
Apr. 17	Evelyn Theresa Savage.....	Longin and Caroline L.
May 12	William George Prophet.....	George M. and Catherine F.
" 17	Elsie Kay Ramsdell.....	Kenneth and Elsie
" 18	Lorraine Marilyn Fisher.....	Harold C. and Mildred E.
" 19	Richard Ward	John J. and Helen
June 1	Richard Bennett Brown.....	Clyde F. and Dolly C.
" 4	Eileen Patricia Rolfe.....	Irving J. and Elizabeth
" 19	— McCarthy	Hugh and Anna
July 15	Threse Holt	Frank and Annie
" 20	Alan Douglas Rubenstein.....	William and Rose
Aug. 30	Marion Ruth Newell.....	Frank S. and Ruth L.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR 1931 — (Continued)

Date	Name	Parents
Sept. 30	George Ernest Diczno.....	Ernest and Mary
" 30	Richard Copeland Lawson.....	Andrew T. and Ruth A.
Oct. 26	Dorothy Alma Rice.....	Woodworth J. and Helen L.
Nov. 5	—— Bartlett	Wallace and Lenora
" 11	Harris Richard Rafuse.....	Justin and Alice
" 14	Daniel Edward Carroll.....	James and Dorothy

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR 1931

Date			Residence	By Whom and Where
1930				
Dec. 15	Henry Marcus	Jennie C. Nathanson	Dorchester Dorchester	H. L. Mosovitsky, Rabbi, Millis
1931				
Jan. 9	Clark Clarence Thorne	Beulah Ethel Adams	Millis Holbrook	Rev. Myron R. Bunnell, Holbrook
" 24	William D. Oliver	Sibyl Amelia Enegren	Millis Millis	Rev. Earl R. Bull, Millis
Feb. 5	George Gervase Locklin	Dorothy Winifred Ingraham	Franklin Millis	Rev. M. J. Lee, Medway
Mar. 8	Stanley Justin Willis	Selma Charlotte Anderson	Millis Millis	Rev. Emil O. Hedberg, Norwood
Apr. 17	Roy R. Blaney	Mildred Louise Clancy	Sherborn Millis	Rev. James J. Mooney, Medway
" 16	Harry Sidman	Mary Cooperman	Millis Millis	Abraham Halpert, Rabbi, Millis
June 13	Russell Bartlett Brodeur	Eleanor Margaret Kelley	Millis Medway	Rev. James J. Mooney, Medway
" 20	Humbert J. Oro	Mary V. Pais	Millis Millis	Rev. M. J. Lee, Medway
" 27	Edward Lawrence Tighe	Theresa Quattrocchio	Millis Milford	Rev. Raymond Dalla Porta, Milford

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR 1931 — (Continued)

Date 1931		Residence	By Whom and Where
Aug. 16	Wilfred Duhamel	Millis	Rev. M. J. Lee, Medway
	Jennette E. Wojdylak	Medway	
Sept. 1	Howard P. Norcross	Millis	Rev. L. C. Schroeder, Walpole
"	Gladys V. Ellis	Millis	
" 5	Russell Irving Boutillier	Southville	Rev. O. R. Powell, Millis
"	Alice Belle Norcross	Millis	
" 5	George J. Bartolomei	Franklin	George S. Bent, J. P., Medway
"	Marion McCarthy	Millis	
" 12	Charles Emerson Powers	Marblehead	Rev. Earl R. Bull, Millis
	Clara Amelia Clark	Millis	
Oct. 18	Martin Tucker	Taunton	A. J. Walpert, Rabbi, Millis
"	Eva Leah Wasserman	Millis	
" 25	Henry Bronstein	Roxbury	A. J. Walpert, Rabbi, Millis
"	Rose Lena Nathanson	Millis	
" 30	Agnew Allen Talcott	Old Lyme, Conn.	Rev. Arthur Lee Kinsolving, Boston
"	Charlotte Stearns Smith	Millis	
" 30	Milton D. Johnson	Newton	Rev. M. J. Lee, Medway
	Mary E. Murphy	Millis	
Nov. 7	Harry Tingley	West Medway	Rev. Earl R. Bull, Millis
	Faith Young	Millis	

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR 1931 — (Concluded)

Date 1931		Residence	By Whom and Where
Nov. 11	Joseph Patrick Keely	Millis	Rev. Jeremiah L. Driscoll, Newton
"	Margaret Mary Fahey	Newton	
"	George Weiner	Millis	Aaron Gerovitz, Rabbi, Roxbury
"	Julia Segal	Worcester	
"	Elbridge T. Clark	Millis	Rev. Chas. N. Thorp, Lincoln
"	Alfreda M. Craig	Lincoln	
"	Henry Howe Richardson	Millis	Rev. Moses R. Lovell, West Medway
"	Sylvia Hodgson	West Medway	
"	Samuel Rosen	Millis	J. M. Jacobson, Rabbi, Boston
"	Rose Sarah Shapiro	Framingham	
Dec. 27	Frank Halperin	Dorchester	Solomon J. Friederman,, Rabbi, Roxbury
	Sadie Rosen	Millis	

DEATHS RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1931

Date	Name	Age		Place of Burial
Jan. 18	Almena Cheever Hanson	88	3	Millis
" 28	Maria E. Parsons	84	0	Forest Hills
Mar. 20	Walter Godfrey Coldwell	3	10	Millis
" 21	Michael W. Cunningham	85	—	West Roxbury
Apr. 2	Sarah Cooper	36	—	Woburn
" 5	Emeline Allen Demery	79	—	Millis
" 21	Anna Seidenberg Martinson	70	3	Millis
June 19	— McCarthy	—	—	Medfield
" 25	Mary Duhamel	49	—	Medway
July 22	Charles J. Harris	52	9	Millis
Aug. 15	Max Finkelstein	69	—	Everett
" 28	Christina Jamieson Broadhurst	48	2	Brookline
Sept. 6	Caroline E. F. Macy	77	4	New York City
Nov. 5	— Bartlett	—	—	Medfield
" 18	George Charles Cooke	66	—	Morrisville, Vt.
" 22	Patrick H. Logan	76	4	Medway
" 26	William D. Rowell	71	10	Dover
Dec. 15	Margaret Keefe	69	—	Medway
" 25	Phebe Thurston Flint	82	3	Milford
" 26	Bernard J. McGinnis	70	—	Holliston

BURIALS IN MILLIS

Date	Name	Age		Place of Death
Apr. 2, 1931	Frederick W. Walker	74	2	Boston
July 1, "	Lillian Bell	49	20	Somerville
Aug. 17, "	Andrew Stafford	91	—	Milford
Sept. 17, "	Frank H. Pollock	67	—	Bridgewater
Nov. 28, "	Ellen Maria Hayford	89	4	Providence, R. I.
Dec. 7, "	Lewis F. Rogers	49	9	Roxbury
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REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

December 1, 1931

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Millis, Mass.
Mr. Horace M. Cushman, Chairman

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to and in compliance with Sec. 37; Chap. 98 of the General Laws, I am submitting my Annual Report to the Board:

Platform Scales			
over 5,000 lbs.	1	sealed	
Platform Scales			
under 5,000 lbs.	11	"	
Counter Scales			
under 100 lbs.	10	"	
Spring Scales under 100 lbs.,	15	"	1 condemned
Computing Scales			
under 100 lbs.	4	"	
Personal Weighing Scales	2	"	
Avoirdupois Weights	77	"	
Liquid Measures	28	"	
Kerosene Pumps	2	"	
Gasoline Pumps	6	"	
Gasoline Meters	7	"	
Quantity Stops	38	"	
Yard Measures	1	"	

Total Sealing fees and adjusting charges \$19.28
 Examined, for licenses, all pedlers and hawkers that
 came in the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
 ARTHUR F. SCHOLL,
 Sealer.

REPORT OF THE MILLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1931 to December 31, 1931

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens:

Drunkenness	7 male	0 female
Auto Violations	24 "	0 "
Violating Town Traffic		
Regulations	14 "	0 "
Violations of Liquor Laws	2 "	1 "
Unlicensed dogs	1 "	0 "
Larceny	3 "	0 "
Assault and battery	3 "	0 "
Breaking and entering	1 "	0 "
Vagrant	1 "	0 "
Violating Probation	2 "	0 "
Destroying Property	2 "	0 "
Accessory after the fact	1 "	0 "
Cambridge Police	1 "	0 "
Westwood Police	1 "	0 "
Committed to State Hospitals	2 "	1 "
Total number of arrests		64
Amount of money for fines for Town		\$220.00

Amount of money for fines for State	770.00
Total amount of money for fines:	<u>990.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 ARTHUR F. SCHOLL,
 Chief of Police.

LIST OF JURORS FOR 1932

Orville D. Purdy, Main Street	Clerk
Edward F. McDonough, Spring Street	Retired
Willard D. Roach, Lavender Street	Laborer
John M. Walker, Village Street	Retired
John W. Haraden, Curve Street	Laborer
William Just, Main Street	Shoemaker
Edward LaCroix, Jr., Main Street	Plumber
Coleman C. Finklestein, Village Street	Merchant
J. Allen Cole, Exchange Street	Retired
Martin Power, Prospect Street	Farmer
Joseph Clancy, Pleasant Street	Shoemaker
Richard Bigelow, Sr., Baltimore Street	Farmer

REPORT OF THE SEWER COMMISSIONERS

All that was done on the sewer system this year was the regular work necessary in the maintenance of the beds.

Some work should have been done on the outside of our sedimentation tanks but our appropriation would not allow it. This should be done this year to keep these tanks in a satisfactory condition. If it is let go any longer it will mean the spending of a much larger sum. The work necessary will mean the expenditure of extra money outside of our regular maintenance appropriation.

We therefore recommend the sum of \$600 be appropriated for the Sewer Department in 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. RICHARDSON,

LLOYD C. KING,

C. E. SIMPSON,

Sewer Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Millis:

Your Water Commissioners have tried to be as conservative as possible this last year so as to carry out the wishes of the people and purchase a new pump out of our regular appropriation. It was necessary for us to let a number of things that we would like to have done and some that should have been done go over until later on that account. The new pump was bought and it is installed and running. Considerable improvement has been made on our pumping equipment by this installation. We believe that the Town of Millis should be well fixed for several years as far as pumping equipment goes and should be able to deliver all the water necessary unless some unforeseen condition should arise.

The only water extension carried on out of our own appropriation was one of a thousand feet made to the residence of Otto Brushah on Myrtle Street.

We would like very much to have the citizens come to the Pumping Station and inspect the new pump and the improvements made. Mr. Keating the engineer will be very glad to show anyone the new units and also answer questions on the working of the plant.

The following is the amount of water pumped each month during the year 1931:

January	3,633,000
February	3,090,000
March	3,628,000
April	3,789,000
May	4,638,000
June	4,764,000
July	5,872,000
August	5,710,000
September	5,036,000
October	4,657,000
November	4,222,000
December	4,224,000

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES LA CROIX,

LLOYD C. KING,

W. HAROLD SIMPSON,

Water Commissioners.

**Lloyd C. King, Water Registrar
in account with
The Town of Millis Water Department**

Total Commitments for 1931	\$9,222.21
Total Receipts for 1931	8,359.01
Total Abatements for 1931	124.72

REPORT OF THE GYPSY MOTH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of
Millis:

The Gypsy Moth infestation has increased some this year owing to the season which seemed favorable to all kinds of insect life. This condition is nothing but what can be taken care of without any additional expense unless we should have another such summer as this last one, as spraying under favorable conditions should take care of this increase.

The Brown Tail Moth infestation is about the same and the Satin Moth damage was considerable less than that of 1930.

I therefore recommend that the sum of \$1,000 be appropriated for 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD C. KING,

Gypsy Moth Supt.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The Town made a great improvement in the appearance of our roadside this last year by cutting all the brush. This is something I have wanted to see done for quite awhile. I feel money would be saved if this policy was continued from now on as the cost of cutting all the brush each year would be cheaper in the end than doing just part of it. A good deal more ground can be covered for less money where the brush is only one year old against brush that is let go for two or three years.

Twenty-four maples were planted this year and they all did very well. This next year trees should be planted as much as possible on some of our streets that are without shade.

I would recommend a sum be appropriated to cover the cutting of all the roadside brush for the year 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD C. KING,
Tree Warden.

ANNUAL REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Millis, Mass., December 31, 1931

Hon. Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of the Town of Millis:

The following report of the Fire Engineers will explain briefly the operations carried on the past year.

As per list of calls, we made fifty-one runs, which were for

- 5 Automobiles
- 9 Grass
- 8 Woods
- 5 Chimneys
- 14 Buildings
- 10 Miscellaneous.

The nature of weather made forest fires unusually small the past year. We did have, however, the start of some very severe building fires, of which we were successful in checking.

Even though this was a year of depression there was approximately \$300,000 worth of buildings constructed here this year all of which need protection of course. This for the Fire Department means we must provide for its proper protection as soon as possible, and we

urge you to help us to that end for our mutual advantage.

Our Forest-Fire Truck is now out of commission and has been since November 1st. We are to ask you at Town Meeting for some type of apparatus this year to replace this Engine, which, at this time of going to press, we have no definite proposition.

We have unpaid pay rolls from May 1 to December 31 amounting to \$1,071.86. This is brought about from changing from May 1 to December 31 Fire Department year, as per your Town By-Laws.

We ask you for the regular appropriation of \$3,000.00 as usual and will try and operate the Department on that, if possible.

We take the liberty of thanking the citizens for their co-operation this past year.

Yours truly,

D. C. ADAMS,
OSCAR C. POND,
MILLARD B. LA CROIX,

Fire Engineers.

LIST OF CALLS FOR 1931,
in which apparatus responded

Jan.	2	Adeline Valentino, Auto, Blk. Swamp Rd.
"	15	Harriets Lunch, Restaurant, Union St.
"	30	Harry Rock, House, Rockville
"	31	John H. Ingraham, Chimney, Rockville
Feb.	9	James Keefe, House, Rockville
"	14	Joseph Kearney, House, Dale St.
"	17	Arthur P. Young, Chimney, Wight St.
"	17	Louis Savage, Chimney, Rockville
"	28	J. M. Walker & Sons, Garage, Village St.
Mar.	9	F. Carlson, Auto, Rockville
"	14	Westinghouse E. & M. Co., grass, Dover St.
"	21	Carl Helsten, grass, Exchange St.
"	22	Annie Veiner, Woodlot, Pleasant St.
"	22	Annie Veiner, Woodlot, recall
Apr.	8	Safepack Mills, Roof Mill, Union St.
"	9	W. D. Rowell, Chimney
"	20	E. L. Coldwell, grass, Curve St.
"	20	G. M. Stuart, grass, Orchard St.
"	20	E. L. Richardson, grass, Rockville
"	21	Charles LaCroix, grass, Pleasant St.
"	22	Samuel Rosen, oil stove, Exchange St.
"	23	Chas. Hatfield, woods, Rockville

May	4	F. H. Williams, Brush, side of track
"	4	Norfolk Line, woods in Norfolk, Rockville
"	7	Sarah Nirenberg, brush, Pleasant St.
"	29	Annie Rotman, barn & sheds, Orchard St.
June	15	Louis Simon, Hennerly, Pleasant St.
July	3	James Thomas, brush, Rockville
"	4	Sarah Pearlstein, Hay Stack, Rockville
"	4	Boyle Auto, Ferrolld Camp Tauscher Camp; Sawyer ice house flag shanty; Thorne haystack
"	12	C. A. Herter, brush, Causeway St.
"	31	Waldemar Clark, dump, Village St.
Aug.	28	Broadhurst, Drowning, Charles River
Sept.	10	Louis Gersh, Auto, Rockville
Oct.	3	Town Dump, at Rockville Bridge
"	12	Arthur Tannassini, Auto, Dover Road
"	18	William Mann, Shed, Causeway St.
"	18	Timofay Frodraw, House, Orchard St.
"	26	Max Nathanson, Dining Hall, Pleasant St.
"	31	Peter McCarthy, House, Farm St.
Nov.	1	E. F. Richardson, Haystacks, Wight St.
"	5	Louis Sandler, Camp, Rockville
"	9	Roadside Brush, Black Swamp, Main St.
"	10	Nina C. Oliver, woods, VanKleek Road
"	10	Chas. A. Smith, grass, Daniels St.
"	12	Winnikers Dump, Baltimore St.
"	13	Elizabeth Pope, Irving St.
"	24	Flora B. Mundy, grass, Main St.

Dec. 20 Geo. Nottage, Chimney, Orchard St.
 " 27 Carl Helsten, grass, Van Kleeck Road
 " 29 Morrie Nirenberg, Auto, Village St.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Valuation of Real Estate		\$2,464,690.00
Valuation of Personal Estate		470,406.00
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Total Valuation		\$2,935,096.00
Town Grant	\$131,430.86	
State Tax	3,375.00	
State Parks & Reservations	42.93	
Auditing Municipal Account	23.64	
Old Age Assistance Tax	600.00	
County Tax	4,109.93	
Overlay	2,489.06	
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Total	\$142,071.42	
Free Cash in Treasury		\$20,542.89
Estimated Receipts		36,727.42
Book Value		84,801.11
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		\$142,071.42
Rate per Thousand		28.50
Number of Houses		481
Acres of Land		6,987
Horses		79
Cattle		260

Swine	11
Fowl	7,245
Foxes	25

Warrants to Collector

Personal and Real Estate		\$83,651.11
Poll Tax		1,150.00
Moth Tax		140.19
Sewer Tax		169.71
Old Age Assistance Tax		583.00
December Tax, Real Estate		91.20
December Tax, Polls		4.00
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Total Warrants		\$85,789.21
Less Abatements Real Estate	\$302.96	
Polls	22.00	324.96
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Balance		\$85,464.25

Excise Tax

Motor Vehicles Assessed	674
Valuation of Motor Vehicles	\$209,350.00
Total Warrants to Collector	5,003.33
Less Abatements	249.39
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Balance	\$4,753.94

The Board of Assessors believed it essential to set the 1931 Tax Rate as low as possible and we were pleased that we were able to make the rate \$28.50 per thousand.

One important factor which enabled us to arrive at this low rate was that we used certain estimated receipts which would otherwise have remained in the treasury to our credit for the year 1932. This means we are facing 1932 with a lower balance in the treasury. Furthermore we wish to call your attention to an anticipated reduction of 20% in receipts from the State.

We therefore urge a program of strict economy for 1932.

GEORGE Y. ROBINSON

MILLARD B. LA CROIX

STANLEY A. CLARK

Assessors of Millis.

FINAL REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

In accordance with the vote of the Town at the Annual Meeting in February, 1931, the special School Building Committee held its first meeting and organized on February 21st.

The architectural firm of Mowll & Rand with A. W. K. Billings, Jr., Associated, was given the contract to complete plans and specifications and to supervise the construction of the building.

On April 23rd, in Grange Hall, bids from 28 general contractors were opened and read and on April 27th the general contract was awarded to R. H. Sewell & Company of Franklin, Mass.

With appropriate ceremony the first shovel of soil was turned over on May 4th. On October 26th, the Architects notified your Committee that the building was substantially completed and ready for occupancy. On November 2nd, the new building, with equipment installed, was opened for public inspection at 10:00 A. M. and at eight o'clock in the evening the Auditorium was crowded to capacity for the dedication exercises. Regular school work began at nine o'clock the following morning.

Reference is made to the Auditor's Report for a detailed statement of the various expenditures necessary for the completion of the building. Final payment was made to the Contractors and Architects on December 29, 1931.

Appropriation		\$100,000.00
Total cost of building	\$96,311.60	
Equipment	3,683.26	99,994.86
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Unexpended balance		\$5.14

At the final meeting of the Building Committee, it was voted that the following resolution be sent to the Contractors and to the Architects and that it also be incorporated in this report to the Town:

Resolved: That this committee is very much pleased with the work of R. H. Sewall & Co. of Franklin and of Mowll & Rand of Boston. We believe this work has been carefully and conscientiously done, and we feel they have lived up to their contracts — not only to the letter of those contracts, but to the spirit as well — and that they have given us our money's worth in both quantity and quality.

The Committee wishes to publicly extend its thanks to Mr. J. Allen Cole who graciously gave of his time as inspector for the Committee during the construction of the building, and to Mr. Frank Hamm and Mr. George

Sarris who acted as his assistants — also to Miss Mary F. Dalton who gave her services as recording secretary during our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. ESSELEN, Chairman
R. F. DOWNING, Secretary
J. ALLEN COLE
FRANK HAMM
R. F. KING
E. F. RICHARDSON
C. A. SMITH
H. H. THORNE
A. P. YOUNG

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

of the

Town of Millis, Mass.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**Year ending December 31st, 1931**

The following is an accurate report of the financial standing of the Town of Millis for the year ending December 31st, 1931.

All accounts have been audited and found correct. I wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the Town Officers for their help and support during the past year.

L. J. REARDON,
Accountant.

Receipts

Taxes Current Year		
Poll Tax		\$1,132.00
Property Tax	\$83,419.60	
Interest	193.56	
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		\$83,613.16
Excise Tax 1930	\$137.73	
Excise Tax 1931	4,595.77	
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		\$4,733.50
Old Age Assistance Tax		572.00
Moth Tax		140.19
Sewer Tax		169.71
From State Income Tax		7,785.00
From State Corp. St. Ry. Bank		8,283.61
From State Highway		17,157.86
From State Mass. School Fund		2,761.38
From State Union Superintendency		483.33
From State Educational		3,000.00
From County Highway		12,214.29

From County Dog Tax	352.46
District Court Fines	224.00
Bottlers Licenses	40.00
Bus Licenses	30.00
Permits	57.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	19.28
Director of Standards	12.00
From State Contageous Diseases	54.60
Sale of Still	3.00
New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R. Fires	364.45
Board at Hospital	24.60
Burial Refund	100.00
Welfare Received From Other Towns	343.00
Welfare Received From State	249.75
State Aid From State	95.00
State Veterans Exemption	23.07
State For Tuition	216.01
State For High School Tuition	1,250.00
Library Fines	5.51
Water Rates	8,359.01
Sale of Cemetery Lots	85.00
Temporary Loans	45,000.00
School Loan	90,000.00
Water Loan	10,000.00
School Loan Premium	972.00
School Loan Interest	245.00
Water Loan Premium	12.50
Water Loan Interest	11.67
Natick Trust Co. Interest	495.38
Interest on Mortgage	60.00
Medical Aid Refund	5.00
County of Norfolk Refund	3.00
Clyde F. Brown, Use of School Telephones	10.01
Sale of Gas	.70
One Half of Sewer Note & Interest	2,287.50
Cemetery Funds	546.73
Library Fund	77.23
Balance on hand at beginning of year	24,215.82
Total Receipts	<u>\$327,896.31</u>

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

MODERATOR

Appropriation		\$10.00
Payments:		
Moderator's Salary	\$10.00	
Total Payments		\$10.00

SELECTMEN

Appropriation		\$300.00
Payments:		
Selectmen's Salaries	\$300.00	
Total Payments		\$300.00

AUDITING & ACCOUNTING

Appropriation		\$600.00
Payments:		
Accountant's Salary	\$600.00	
Total Payments		\$600.00

TREASURER

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Expenses	150.00	
Total		\$450.00

Payments:

Treasurer's Salary	\$300.00	
Surety Bond	67.50	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	77.85	
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Total Payments	\$445.35	
Balance to Revenue	4.65	
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		\$450.00

TAX COLLECTOR

Appropriation:

Salary 1930	\$860.65	
Salary 1931	750.00	
Expenses	117.50	
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Total		\$1,728.15

Payments:

Salary 1930	\$860.65	
Salary 1931	750.00	
Surety Bond	67.50	
Postage & Stationery, etc.	49.91	
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Total Payments	\$1,728.06	
Balance to Revenue	.09	
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		\$1,728.15

ASSESSORS

Appropriation:

Salaries	\$500.00
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Expenses	160.00	
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Total		\$660.00

Payments:

Salaries	\$500.00	
Clerical	79.00	
Abstracting Deeds	58.00	
Books & Supplies	22.17	
Car Fares	.50	
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Total Payments	\$659.67	
Balance to Revenue	.33	
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		\$660.00

TOWN CLERK

Appropriation:		
Salary	\$112.00	
Expenses	100.00	
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Total		\$212.00

Payments:

Salary	\$112.00	
Clerical	13.00	
Bond	15.00	
Recording Fees	70.00	
Postage, Stationery & Stamps	2.00	
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Total		\$212.00

ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Appropriation:

Registrars	\$30.00
Election Officers' Salaries	105.00
Expenses	127.00

Total		\$262.00
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Payments:

Registrars	\$30.00
Election Officers	25.00
Stenographer	15.00
Printing	64.25
Rent of Halls	95.00
Lunches for Officers	4.00

Total Payments	\$233.25
Balance to Revenue	28.75

	\$262.00
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OTHER FINANCES

Appropriation:	\$590.00
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Payments:

Printing Town Reports	\$537.50
Delivering " "	10.62
Certification of Notes	4.00
Rent of Ditch	1.00
Printing, Postage & Express	33.75

Total Payments	\$586.87	
Balance to Revenue	3.13	
	<hr/>	\$590.00

TOWN OFFICE

Appropriation:

Selectmen's Expenses	\$100.00	
Janitor's Salary	100.00	
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Total		\$200.00

Payments:

Janitor's Salary	\$100.00	
Insurance	16.83	
Lights	20.70	
Janitor's Supplies	1.25	
Repairs	5.85	
Telephone	18.70	
Selectmen's Dues	6.00	
Petitions for Streets to County	6.00	
Printing	3.35	
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Total Payments	\$178.68	
Balance to Revenue	21.32	
	<hr/>	\$200.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$2,900.00
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Payments:

Chief's Salary	\$1,834.86	
Specials Pay	306.10	
Telephones	127.65	
Gas and Oil	252.17	
Motorcycle & Repairs	267.38	
Uniform	37.50	
Medical Treatment of Prisoners	14.00	
Food for Prisoners	.55	
Lockup Keeper	35.20	
Light	2.00	
Printing	6.75	
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Total Payments	\$2,884.16	
Balance to Revenue	15.84	
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		\$2,900.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation:

Commissioners' Salaries	\$200.00	
New Hose	500.00	
Forest Fire Pump	1,200.00	
General Expenses	3,000.00	
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Total		\$4,900.00

Payments:

Commissioners' Salaries	\$200.00
Firemen's Pay	999.17
Drowning	3.90
Equipment & Repairs	

Apparatus Maintenance	489.84	
Hose	504.80	
Equipment	282.10	
Gas & Oil	95.64	
Fuel & Light		
Fuel	\$282.85	
Light & Power	146.28	
Buildings & Grounds		
Repairs	164.58	
Insurance	375.86	
Forest Fire Pump	613.75	
Hose & Connections	578.40	
Other Expenses		
Medical	56.78	
Freight & Express	8.30	
Food	25.69	
Stationery	15.13	
Storage	25.00	
Auto Hire	20.00	
Dues	5.00	
Total	\$4,893.07	
Balance to Revenue	6.93	
		\$4,900.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Appropriation:

Salary	\$50.00	
Expenses	10.00	
Total		\$60.00

Payments:

Sealer's Salary	\$50.00
Supplies	3.84
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Total Payments	\$53.84
Balance to Revenue	6.16
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\$60.00

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Appropriation: \$1,000.00

Payments:

Sprayer	153.13
Labor	563.01
Teams & Trucks	48.00
Equipment	19.69
Insecticides	186.83
Insurance	22.91
Express	1.70
Gas	2.25
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Total Payments:	\$997.52
Balance to Revenue	2.48
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\$1,000.00

TREE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation \$700.00

Payments:

Labor	\$546.35	
Equipment	18.85	
Trees	72.50	
Insurance	28.85	
Trucks & Teams	22.51	
Express	10.80	
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Total Payments	\$699.86	
Balance to Revenue	.14	
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		\$700.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$800.00
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Payments:

Printing	\$23.83	
Board & Treatment at Hospitals	666.31	
Medical Attendance & Medicine	94.74	
Sulphur Candles	.45	
Express	1.50	
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Total	\$786.83	
Balance to Revenue	13.17	
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		\$800.00

COUNTY HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$847.55
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Payments:

Norfolk County Hospital	847.55
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INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Appropriation	\$150.00
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Payments:

Salary of Inspector	\$150.00
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INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTER

Appropriation	\$300.00
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Payments:

Salary of Inspector	300.00
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INSPECTOR OF MILK

Appropriation	\$50.00
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Payments:

Salary of Inspector	50.00
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DISTRICT NURSE

Appropriation	\$300.00
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Payments:

Medfield District Nurse Assn.	300.00
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CLEANING DITCH

Appropriation	\$300.00
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Payments:

Labor	\$276.30
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Boots	5.75	
Tools	2.50	
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Total Payments	\$284.55	
Balance to Revenue	15.45	
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		\$300.00

SEWER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Commissioners' Salaries	175.00	
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Total		\$475.00

Payments:

Commissioners' Salaries	\$175.00	
Labor	207.75	
Truck	10.00	
Insurance	38.95	
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Total Payments		\$475.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$8,000.00	
Received from State	3,900.00	
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Total		\$11,900.00

Payments:

Salaries & Wages	\$5,041.41	
Teams & Trucks	619.85	

Stone, Gravel & Sand	336.84	
Equipment & Repairs	966.56	
Tarvia & Road Oil	2,862.30	
Roller	268.65	
Grader	25.60	
Insurance	454.75	
Auto Hire	82.68	
Superintendent's Ledger	2.25	
Superintendent, Telephone Calls	5.60	
Freight, Express, Etc.	35.59	
Gas & Oil	751.37	
Grates, Frames & Catch Basins	34.35	
Traffic Beacons	78.00	
Truck Repairs	33.55	
Fences	20.00	
Pipe	5.70	
Signs	21.50	
Brush	253.25	
Total Payments	\$11,899.80	
Balance to Revenue	.20	
		\$11,900.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
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Payments:

Labor	\$873.48
Trucks & Plows	782.32
Plow for Town Truck	204.10

Equipment & Repairs	110.50	
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Total Payments	\$1,970.40	
Balance to Revenue	29.60	
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		\$2,000.00

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$2,150.00	
Relocating Lights	50.00	
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Total		\$2,200.00

Payments:

Service Rendered	\$2,045.77	
Balance to Revenue	154.23	
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		\$2,200.00

NEW WAY 1930

Balance of Appropriation	\$13,104.91
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Payments:

Contract	\$11,042.68	
Advertising Bids	40.55	
Grates & Frames	12.28	
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Total Payments	\$11,095.51	
State & County Balance	1,339.60	
Town Balance to Revenue	669.80	
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		\$13,104.91

CEMENT SIDEWALK

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
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Payments:

Material	\$179.63
Labor & Cement	807.72
Filling	12.20

 \$999.55

Balance to Revenue	.45
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 \$1,000.00

SPECIAL REPAIRS TO STREETS

Appropriation	\$12,000.00
State	12,000.00
County	12,000.00

Total	\$36,000.00
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BALTIMORE STREET BRIDGE

Contractor	\$11,999.05
Posts	102.70

 \$12,101.75

BALTIMORE STREET

Labor	\$1,600.42
Insurance	28.15

Teams & Trucks	423.25	
Pipe	173.46	
Gravel	127.10	
Roller, Shovel & Grader	246.75	
Gas & Oil	30.33	
Tarvia	371.25	
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		\$3,000.71

MAIN STREET WIDENING

Roller	\$312.50	
Labor	\$1,185.06	
Rock	1,075.25	
Coal	52.05	
Tarvia	367.73	
Gas & Oil	19.68	
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		\$3,012.27

ORCHARD STREET

Labor	\$30.74	
Contractor	6,914.23	
Grates & Frames	58.00	
Advertising Bids	21.60	
Insurance	100.00	
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		\$7,124.57
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Total Payments to Date		\$25,239.30
Balance Held in Reserve Until Contracts Complete		\$10,760.70
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		\$36,000.00

TOWN SHED FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
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Payments:

Pipe	\$16.80
Shingles & Lumber	530.36
Labor	675.53
Cement Blocks & Masons	577.88
Hardware Supplies	52.86
Surveying Land	97.72
Oil	.80
Trucks & Teams	18.00
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Total Payments	\$1,969.95
Balance to Revenue	30.05
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	\$2,000.00

REPAIRS TO ORCHARD STREET BRIDGE

Appropriation	\$600.00
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Labor	\$78.82
Teams & Trucks	112.00
Mason Work	404.82
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Total Payments	595.54
Balance to Revenue	4.46
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	\$600.00

BRUSH SPECIAL

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
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Payments:

Labor	\$1,828.05	
Teams & Trucks	119.13	
Supplies	52.48	
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Total Payments	\$1,999.66	
Balance to Revenue	.34	
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		\$2,000.00

WELFARE

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	
Commissioners' Salaries	90.00	
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Total		\$3,090.00

Payments:

Commissioners' Salaries	\$90.00
Groceries & Provisions	437.95
Printing & Postage & Expenses	63.65
Coal & Wood	182.70
Board & Care	521.42
Medicine & Medical Attendance	145.43
Aid Paid Millis People	86.00
Aid Paid Outside Cities & Towns	241.00
Hospital	72.75
Funeral	100.00

Total Payments	\$1,940.90	
Balance to Revenue	1,149.10	
	<hr/>	\$3,090.00

OLD AGE PENSION

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
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Payments:

Ledger	\$6.25	
Pensions	369.00	
State Tax	600.00	
Salaries	100.00	
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Total Payments	\$1,075.25	
Balance to Revenue	924.75	
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STATE AID

Appropriation	\$150.00
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Payments:

State Aid Paid	\$120.00	
Balance to Revenue	30.00	
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SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation	\$100.00
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Payments:

Fuel	\$7.50	
Aid Paid Soldiers	59.00	
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Total Payments	\$66.50	
Balance to Revenue	33.50	
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		\$100.00

SCHOOL

Appropriation	\$36,700.00	
Committee's Salaries	150.00	
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Total		\$36,850.00

Payments:

General	
Committee's Salary	\$150.00
Superintendent's Salary	875.00
" Expenses	136.99
Printing & Postage	124.95
Telephone	115.79
School Physician	150.00
Census	21.00
Insurance	424.62
Teachers' Salaries	
High	12,210.00
Elementary	10,870.00
Supervisors	1,220.00
Nurse	390.00
Clerical	100.00
Text Books & Supplies	

High Text Books	147.00	
" Supplies	203.46	
Elementary Text Books	200.53	
" Supplies	340.00	
Transportation		
Elementary	3,574.60	
Janitors' Services		
High	1,601.10	
Elementary	1,200.00	
Fuel & Light		
High	800.61	
Elementary	350.00	
Buildings & Grounds		
Repairs to Buildings	451.05	
Janitors' Supplies	328.12	
Labor on Grounds	116.71	
Other Expenses		
Freight & Express	7.63	
Tuition	2.10	
Flowers	12.00	
Furnishings	9.76	
Cooking Class Supplies	97.65	
Athletics	452.47	
Typewriters & Repairs	33.81	
Repairs to Piano	8.00	
Diplomas	24.15	
Adviser	75.00	
Rent of Hall	15.00	
Flags	9.09	
Total Payments	\$36,849.09	
Balance to Revenue	.91	
		\$36,850.00

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Appropriation	\$100,000.00
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Payments:

Contractor	\$89,024.00	
Architect	5,451.60	
Insurance	333.40	
Advertising Bids	1.50	
Freight and Express	22.90	
Clerical	10.00	
Postage, Rent, Etc.	24.50	
Water	21.55	
Furniture	4,790.41	
Curtains	315.00	
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Total Payments	\$99,994.86	
Balance to Revenue	5.14	
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Total		\$100,000.00

PREMIUM ON LOAN

Premium Received	\$972.00
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Payments:

Certification of School Notes	\$90.00
Printing, Coupons for Bonds	35.70
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Total Payments	\$125.70
Balance Held in Reserve For Like	

Payments on Future Loans	846.30	
Total		\$972.00

LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$400.00	
Received From County Acct.		
Dog Tax	352.46	
Received From Woolvett Fund	77.27	
Total		\$829.73

Payments:

Librarians Salary	\$288.00	
Janitor	4.25	
Books	373.50	
Periodicals	95.50	
Binding	38.10	
Repairs	16.90	
Janitor's Supplies	1.45	
Stationery and Supplies	3.90	
Stationery and Postage	3.98	
Printing	3.75	
Express	.40	
Total Payments		\$829.73

PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
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Payments:

Labor	\$596.03
Trucks and Teams	130.79
Gas and Oil	4.85
Police	6.00
Toilets and Water	153.31
Band Stand	1,092.57
Electric Lights	9.00
Total Payments	\$1,992.55
Balance to Revenue	7.45

Total	\$2,000.00
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MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$200.00
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Payments:

Band and Flags	\$136.65
Telephone and Postage	1.68
Speaker	10.00
Speaker's Expenses	3.50
Printing	7.00
Ice Cream	27.50
Flowers	13.50

Total Payments	\$199.83	
Balance to Revenue	.17	
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Total		\$200.00

AMERICAN LEGION

Appropriation		\$300.00
Paid American Legion		300.00

PRINTING BY-LAWS

Appropriation		\$50.00
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Payments:

Paid for Printing	\$48.50	
Balance to Revenue	1.50	
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Total		\$50.00

LAND DAMAGES

Appropriation		\$8.00
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Payments:

None		
Balance to Revenue		8.00

DEFENSE OF LAW SUIT

Appropriation		\$25.00
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Payments:

None	
Balance to Revenue	25.00

WATER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$10,000.00	
Commissioners' Salaries	200.00	
Registrar's Salary	200.00	
Total		\$10,400.00

Payments:

Commissioners' Salaries	\$200.00
Registrar's Salary	200.00
Registrar's Bond	12.50
Postage and Clerical	101.52
Telephone	46.60
Surveying Land	91.09
General:	
Labor	943.68
Pipe and Fittings	1,031.95
Equipment	104.19
Freight and Express	216.79
Teams and Trucks	20.00
Liens	3.78
Police	39.00
Insurance	176.88
Pumping Station:	
Engineer's Salary	2,080.00
Fuel, Light and Power	1,068.86
Boilers and Pumps	3,645.35

Repairs	218.55	
Supplies	29.01	
Gas and Oil	22.42	
Meters and Repairs	146.99	
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Total Payments	\$10,399.16	
Balance to Revenue	.84	
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Total		\$10,400.00

WATER EXTENSION FARM STREET

Appropriation	\$1,650.00	
Raised by Bonds Issued	14,850.00	
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Total Appropriation		\$16,500.00

Payments:

Clerical	\$8.00	
Freight and Express	1,055.21	
Certification of Notes	20.00	
Pipe and Fittings	7,008.11	
Hydrants	264.75	
Printing Bonds	32.25	
Labor	368.98	
Rent of Tapping Machine	20.00	
Payments on Contract	2,500.00	
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Total Payments to Date	\$11,277.30	
Balance Held in Reserve Until Final		

Payment is Made on Contract	5,222.70	
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Total		\$16,500.00

CEMETERIES

Appropriation	\$250.00	
Withdrawn From Funds	546.73	
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Total		\$796.73

Payments:

Labor	\$682.33	
Insurance	11.02	
Trees and Shrubs	57.50	
Equipment	44.13	
Printing	1.75	
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Total		\$796.73

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Appropriation	\$18,894.41	
Anticipation of Revenue Notes	45,000.00	
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Total		\$63,894.41

Payments:

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Revenue	\$45,000.00
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Sewer Notes	7,000.00	
New Well	1,000.00	
Water	2,400.00	
School	2,500.00	
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Total		\$57,900.00
Interest		
Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Revenue	\$465.81	
Sewer	1,941.00	
School	1,847.25	
Water	479.16	
New Well	80.00	
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		\$4,813.22
Total Payments		62,713.22
Balance to Revenue		1,181.19
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Total		\$63,894.41

ESTATE OF THE LATE LOIS LaCROIX

Appropriation	68.75
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Payments:

Due Account of Town Clerk's Duties	68.75
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SUMMARY

Receipts

Cash on hand
Jan. 1st. 1931
Receipts for year

\$24,215.82
\$303,680.49

Payments

Moderator	\$10.00
Selectmen	300.00
Auditing	600.00
Treasurer	445.35
Tax Collector	1,728.06
Assessors	659.67
Town Clerk	212.00
Election and Registration	233.25
Other Finance	586.00
Town Office	178.68
Police	2,884.16
Fire Department	4,893.07
Sealer	53.84
Moth Dept.	997.52
Tree Dept.	699.86
Health	786.83
County Hospital	847.55

SUMMARY — (Continued)

Animal Inspector	150.00
Slaughter Inspector	300.00
Milk Inspector	50.00
District Nurse	300.00
Cleaning Ditch	284.55
Sewer Maintenance	475.00
Highway	11,899.80
Snow	1,970.40
Street Lights	2,045.77
New Way	11,095.51
Cement Sidewalk	999.55
Baltimore St. Bridge	12,101.75
Baltimore Street	3,000.71
Main Street Widening	3,012.27
Orchard Street	7,124.57
Tool Shed	1,969.95
Orchard Street Bridge	595.54
Brush Special	1,999.66
Welfare	1,940.90
Old Age Pension	1,075.25

SUMMARY — (Continued)

State Aid	120.00
Soldiers' Relief	66.50
School	36,849.09
New School Building	99,994.86
Premium on Loan	125.70
Library	829.73
Park	1,992.55
Memorial Day	199.83
American Legion	300.00
Printing By-Laws	48.50
Water	10,399.16
Water Extension	11,277.30
Cemeteries	796.73
Interest and Debt	62,713.22
State Tax	3,375.00
County Tax	4,109.93
Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds	76.03
Trust Fund Transfers	230.20
Overpayment 1930 Taxes	72.67
State Accounting Forms	23.64

SUMMARY — (Concluded)

State Park Tax	42.93
Sewer Interest to Trust Fund	169.71
Town of Medway Fire	6.05
Estate of L. LaCroix	68.75
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	\$312,395.97
	15,500.34
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	\$327,896.31
Cash on Hand Dec. 31st.	
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	\$327,896.31

BALANCE SHEET — YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931

Assets

Cash	\$15,500.34
Due From Library Fund	.04
Excise Tax Due	129.54
Property Tax Due	19.75
Water Rates Due	2,620.26
Old Age Assistance Tax Due	11.00
Highway Accts. Receivable	7,010.36

Liabilities

Overlay Surplus	\$6,004.42
Sale of Park Land	2,000.00
Special Repairs to Streets reserved until finish of contract	3,750.34
Water Extension reserved until finish of contract	372.70
Premium on School Loan	846.30
Sale of Cemetery lots for deposit in trust funds	25.00
Highway Accounts due from State	7,010.36
Water Rates reserved until collected	2,620.26
Excise Tax reserved until collected	129.54
Old Age Assistance tax reserved	

BALANCE SHEET — (Concluded)

	until collected	11.00
Property Tax reserved until col- lected		19.75
Excess and Deficiency		2,501.62
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		\$25,291.29
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TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Cemetery General Care Funds

Fund January 1st 1931	\$6,206.75
Sale of Lots	60.00
Interest	208.35
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	6,475.10
Withdrawn to care for cemetery	368.35
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Fund January 1st 1932	\$6,106.75

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

Fund January 1st 1931	\$3,962.50
Interest and Income Earned	178.38
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	4,140.88
Withdrawn to care for lots and graves	178.38
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Fund January 1st 1932	\$3,962.50

Library Trust Funds

Fund January 1st 1931	\$3,285.70
Interest and Income Earned	176.68
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	3,462.38
Withdrawn for support of library	77.23
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Fund January 1st 1932	\$3,385.15

Sewer Investment Fund

Fund January 1st 1931	\$9,138.12
Sewer Assessment Fund	110.20
Sewer Tax	169.71
Interest	464.73
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	9,882.76
½ Note and Interest Withdrawn	2,287.50
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Fund January 1st 1932	\$7,595.25

OUTSTANDING DEBT OF THE TOWN — JANUARY 1, 1932

Note Number	Amount	Issued Oct. 1, 1920	Rate of Interest	Sold to	1st. Int. Due
Sewer					
41, 42, 43	\$3,000.00	\$708.75	5 1/4%	R. M. Grant & Co.	
44, 45, 46	3,000.00	630.00		Oct. 1, 1932	April 1, 1932
47, 48, 49	3,000.00	551.25		" " 1933	" " 1933
50, 51, 52	3,000.00	472.50		" " 1934	" " 1934
53, 54, 55	3,000.00	393.75		" " 1935	" " 1935
56, 57, 58	3,000.00	315.00		" " 1936	" " 1936
59, 60, 61	3,000.00	236.25		" " 1937	" " 1937
62, 63, 64	3,000.00	157.50		" " 1938	" " 1938
65, 66, 67	3,000.00	78.75		" " 1939	" " 1939
School Building				" " 1940	" " 1940
67	\$1,050.00	" Aug. 26, 1913	4 1/2%	Commonwealth of Mass.	
68	1,050.00	\$47.26		Aug. 26, 1932	Feb. 26, 1932
School Addition				" " 1933	" " 1933
110	\$1,450.00	23.63		Willey Savings Bank	
Rockville Water Extension				Dec. 1, 1932	June 1, 1932
39	\$750.00	" Dec. 9, 1913	4 1/4%	Commonwealth of Mass.	
		\$47.82		Dec. 9, 1932	June 9, 1932

OUTSTANDING DEBT OF THE TOWN — JANUARY 1, 1932 (Continued)

Note Number	Amount		Rate of Interest	Sold to	1st. Int. Due
40	750.00		31.88	" " 1933	" " 1933
41	750.00		15.94	" " 1934	" " 1934
Water Extension					
152	\$790.00	" Sept. 3, 1925	4½%	Willey Savings Bank	
153	790.00	\$53.34	\$53.34	Sept. 3, 1932	Mar. 3, 1932
154	790.00	35.56	35.56	" " 1933	" " 1933
		17.78	17.78	" " 1934	" " 1934
Sewer Bed Construction					
189	\$3,000.00	" July 15, 1928	4%	Commonwealth of Mass.	
		\$60.00	\$60.00	July 15, 1932	July 15, 1932
Sewer Extension					
197	\$1,000.00	Issued June 12, 1930	4%	Natick Trust Co.	
		\$20.00		June 12, 1932	
New Well at Pumping Sta.					
199	\$1,000.00	" June 25, 1930	4%	Natick Trust Co.	
200	1,000.00	\$60.00	\$40.00	June 25, 1932	Dec. 20, 1932
201	1,000.00	40.00	20.00	" " 1933	" " 1933
		20.00		" " 1934	

Note Number and Name of Loan	Amount	Date Issued	Rates of Interest	Sold to	Dates Int. Due
High School		June 1, 1931	3 1/2%	Merchants Nat'l Bank	
216 to 221 inc.	\$6,000.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,470.00	June 1, 1932	Dec. 1, 1932
222 to 227 "	6,000.00	1,470.00	1,365.00	" " 1933	" " 1933
228 to 233 "	6,000.00	1,365.00	1,260.00	" " 1934	" " 1934
234 to 239 "	6,000.00	1,260.00	1,155.00	" " 1935	" " 1935
240 to 245 "	6,000.00	1,155.00	1,050.00	" " 1936	" " 1936
246 to 251 "	6,000.00	1,050.00	945.00	" " 1937	" " 1937
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258 to 263 "	6,000.00	840.00	735.00	" " 1939	" " 1939
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270 to 275 "	6,000.00	630.00	525.00	" " 1941	" " 1941
276 to 281 "	6,000.00	515.00	420.00	" " 1942	" " 1942
282 to 287 "	6,000.00	420.00	315.00	" " 1943	" " 1943
288 to 293 "	6,000.00	315.00	210.00	" " 1944	" " 1944
294 to 299 "	6,000.00	210.00	105.00	" " 1945	" " 1945
300 to 305 "	6,000.00	105.00		" " 1946	

FARM STREET WATER EXTENSION

Note Number	Amount	May 1, 1931	Rates	Sold to	Dates Int.
			3½%	Atlantic Corp. of Boston	
205-6	2,000.00	175.00	140.00	May 1, 1932	Nov. 1, 1932
207-8	2,000.00	140.00	105.00	" " 1933	" " 1933
209-10	2,000.00	105.00	70.00	" " 1934	" " 1934
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L. J. REARDON,
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COLLECTOR'S REPORT**Dr.**

To warrants	\$85,789.21	
Interest	193.56	
Excise	5,002.34	
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		\$90,985.11

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By amount paid Treasurer	\$90,431.77	
Abatements	553.34	
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Respectfully submitted,

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ANNUAL REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Millis —

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MILLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Report of Trustees

We recommend an appropriation of \$300.00 besides the Dog Tax.

Receipts

Appropriation	\$400.00	
Dog tax refunded	352.46	
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Expenditures

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Goodspeed's Book Shop	Books	306.24
Junior Literary Guild, Inc.	"	55.50
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Librarian's Report to Trustees.

Number of books circulated during the year		
Adult	6890	
Juvenile	2940	
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Total	9830	
Largest circulation in one day		115
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the citizens of Millis.

The Board of Selectmen wish to submit the following brief report for the year 1931. We have tried to apportion the various sums of money allotted to us in such a manner as to be of the most benefit to the town as a whole and at the same time assist the large number of citizens who were unexpectedly out of work on account of the current depression.

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At the present time your Selectmen are attending hearings before auditor Judge Albert Saunders at his office in Boston in action against the town by Jenney and Blanchard, said action is for service rendered at the time of the bus litigation. Attorney Charles McDonough representing the town in the above cases.

The town has been notified by the County Commissioners that they have suspended for this year their usual allotment of money for new road construction which heretofore has been done in conjunction with the town and state. In past years this has amounted to \$12,000.00. This will necessitate our being unable to complete Orchard Street this year. The part already under construction will be completed.

In view of less money to be appropriated for permanent construction as per notice of the County Commissioners, we would recommend a sum of money to be appropriated to repair Exchange Street from the Millis Railroad Station to the corner of Exchange and Main Streets. We also would recommend a sufficient appro-

priation for a permanent sidewalk on Main Street from Exchange Street to Plain Street.

We would suggest that during the coming year, as far as is practical, all work done by the town be done by local labor. A financial report will be found embodied in the report of the town accountant.

HORACE M. CUSHMAN,

J. CLARENCE THORNE,

CHARLES A. SMITH,

Board of Selectmen.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
School Committee
AND
Superintendent of Schools

TOWN OF MILLIS
FOR THE
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1931

ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RUDOLPH F. KING, Chairman Term expires 1933
 WILLIAM B. ESSELEN, Fin'l Sec'y. Term expires 1932
 RICHARD F. DOWNING, Secretary Term expires 1934
 Regular meeting held last Friday of each month at
 7 P. M. in the High School Building

Superintendent of Schools

LYMAN R. ALLEN
 19 Beech Street, Framingham Telephone, Fram. 154-R
 Regular visits Wednesday following first and
 third Monday of each month; others
 unannounced or by appointment.

Principal

CLYDE F. BROWN

Attendance Officer

WILLIAM H. THORNE, Constable

School Physician

FRANK J. PIPER, M. D.

School Nurse

MRS. MARTHA E. BLOOD, R. N.
 Park St., Medfield. Tel. Med. 44

Janitors

JOHN McMAHAN WILLIAM A. YOUNG

No School Signal — 7:45 A. M. — No. 22

DIRECTORY OF TEACHERS

January 1, 1932

Name	Education and Training	Position
Lyman R. Allen	Bridgewater Normal, 4 yrs.; Harvard, S. B.; Columbia, A. M.	Supt.
HIGH SCHOOL		
Clyde F. Brown	Univ. of Vt., B. S.; Univ. of Vt. (S.); Harvard (S.);	Principal; Science; Biology
Ralph L. Duplin	Georgetown (B. S.)	Mathematics, Athletic Coach, Physics
Rose L. Martinson	Boston University	
Madeline C. O'Donnell	Boston University B. B. A.	English, Latin Commercial
Mary W. Dalton	Salem Normal	Commercial
Louise M. Pillsbury	Radcliffe, A. B.; Harvard, A. M.; Ecole Normale, Laval, France (S.)	French, Latin

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Frederick L. Bosworth	Tufts, B. S.	English, Arithmetic, History
Katherine B. Ehnes	Worcester & Framingham Normal; Boston Univ., (W. S.)	Geog., Domestic Science, History
Sarah Novick	Framingham Normal	Grade VI
M. Muriel Cole	Plymouth Normal; Keene Normal and Boston University (S)	Grade V

DIRECTORY OF TEACHERS—Continued

ADAMS SCHOOL

Name	Education and Training	Position
Isobel M. Johnson	Framingham Normal; Boston Univ., (S)	Grade IV
Helen A. Brennan	Framingham Normal and Boston University	Grade III
Mrs. Myra Shannon	Gorham Normal, Columbia and Boston University	Grade II
Mildred C. O'Donnell	Framingham Normal and Boston University	Grade I
Ellen R. Horan	Chandler School & B. U.	Grades II, III
Elinore E. Cole	N. E. Conservatory, American Inst.	Supervisor of Music and Art
Mrs. Martha E. Blood	Framingham Hospital; Floating Hospital	School Nurse
Rita F. Moran	Framingham Normal	Assistant in grades

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Opening Days—1932—January 4, February 29, April 25, September 7. **1933**—January 3, February 27, April 24.

Closing Days—1932—February 19, April 15, June 24, December 23. **1933**—February 17, April 14, June 23.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

January 1; February 22; Good Friday; April 19; May 30; October 12; November 11; Thanksgiving and the day following; December 25.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee extends a most cordial invitation to the parents and people of Millis to consult us in school affairs. Our regular meetings are held the last Friday of each month at the High School Building, and you will be most welcome.

This booklet contains the report of our Committee and all the instructors under our supervision and will, we believe, give a fairly complete report of our work.

The work is going along nicely in the new building and it not only fills the needs of the school program, but the townspeople are enjoying it as well.

The School Committee wishes the citizens would become better acquainted with their school, and we urge you to visit when classes are in session.

The Committee appreciates the splendid support and co-operation of the parents, the superintendent, our teaching personnel, our school nurse, doctor, janitors, and the citizens of Millis.

Our recommendations for expenditures in the coming year are as follows:

Supervision and Control	\$ 1,025
Salaries	24,350
Text Books	700

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Supplies	800
Janitors	2,600
Transportation	3,825
Repairs	200
New Equipment	300
Fuel	1,600
Health	600
Athletics	500
Miscellaneous	200

TOTAL ---- \$36,700

Respectfully submitted

RUDOLPH F. KING

Chairman

RICHARD F. DOWNING

Recording Secretary

WILLIAM B. ESSELEN

Financial Secretary

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Millis:

The outstanding achievement of the past year is the new building, which now gives us one consolidated school for the entire town. From the turning of the sod on May 6 to the dedication of the completed building on November 2, through all the careful planning and constant supervision of the entire Building Committee, there has developed and crystallized a unanimity and enthusiasm for the project throughout the community which reflects highest credit on the Town. The confidence expressed in our report one year ago in the business sense and devotion of this people has been entirely justified. Millis is more unified in school spirit than ever before.

The building itself is in no sense extravagant or luxurious; it is substantial, durable, adequate, presenting opportunity to develop every phase of practical work which can now be foreseen for years to come. It was early decided to confine expenditures absolutely within the appropriation and to provide a plant within which all anticipated needs could later be provided for, even if adequate furnishings for some present work might be lacking. Such furnishings can later be supplied from time to time, as for example tables and chairs for the lunch room now in daily use.

Our auditorium-gymnasium, as anticipated, gives a place for assembly, public speaking, group activities, social meetings, health and physical training work, athletics, and sports as never before, and we have made beginnings in all these lines. Much more can be accomplished when we can afford supervisory help one or two days a week for physical training in its various forms. At present we are fortunate indeed to have the skilled assistance of Miss Wilma Cole, who has been professionally trained and has volunteered her services. It is a pleasure to acknowledge our gratitude to her for successful work already done.

We have again been fortunate in the relatively slight interruption to the personnel of our teaching force. In June we lost the services of Mr. Thouren, science teacher and coach, and of Mr. Cunningham of the Junior High school; in their places we have Mr. Ralph L. Duplin and Mr. Frederick Bosworth. Special attention is called to the report of the former. It would be a great mistake to infer from the scores of the football season that our athletics have been a failure. While there is much profit from the "habit of success" (which has characterized Millis scores of some seasons), uninterrupted victory has its dangers; and there are larger aims than high scores. Our school has confidence in the larger aims of our coaches and believes valuable lessons are being learned this year, in spite of serious handicaps, and that adequate results will be evident later.

The report of the High School Principal deserves careful thought and should help in closer co-operation of home and school. Perhaps nothing in school work is more difficult, more productive of friction, more capable

of real help than the marking system. Its aims and limitations should be known. C is the average mark—the one most people deserve in most things; if all received A those A's would mean nothing. Marks should reveal whether pupils are making serious effort and in what lines they are average, inferior, superior. Thus they guide in selection of school courses and life work.

Necessary and useful as they are, just marks may degrade effort and develop false standards. Nothing short of one's best holds one's place at quarter back, goalie, or pitcher; even that is not enough if another's best is better. The coach demands and gets best efforts. A business letter of application 70% correct in spelling and punctuation loses the job. The teacher may try to enthruse, inspire, direct, force to 100% correctness; yet the pupil must be "passed" if the letter is 70% correct. And the home sometimes urges promotion if "there is only one D". It is but human nature to pay no more for "passing" than the lowest price demanded. Will the home not help in our efforts to have each pupil make himself responsible increasingly for his own work, progress, plans for future school and life? The gradual leading toward self-reliance and self-direction is our aim.

The usual tabulations of school information are given herewith. It should be added that in considering the money cost of our schools our reimbursements are this year larger, not only actually but also proportionally, being this year over 20% of our cost. Our school receipts are as follows:

School Fund, Part 1	\$3,000.00
School Fund, Part 2	2,761.38

Supt's. salary	483.34	
High School grant	1,250.00	
Tuition of pupils	216.01	\$7,710.73
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Total cost of schools		\$36,699.09
Net cost to Town		28,988.36

The total cost per pupil of all our schools for the latest year available was \$86.69 or 86% of the average State cost and 88% of the average cost in towns like ours—under 5000 population and maintaining High schools. Our net cost as raised by taxation (reimbursements deducted) was \$72.61 or 81% of the State average and 91% of towns of our class.

No report of Millis school opportunities would be complete without grateful acknowledgement of two scholarships available by preference to graduates of Millis High school; the Hon. Fred H. Williams scholarship offers a full course at Brown University and the J. Annette Williams at Pembroke College (the woman's college associated with Brown). None of our graduates have yet applied; are there not some who will soon do so and use them to our credit?

The usual prizes for highest citizenship in the High School graduating class annually offered by an unnamed friend were awarded this year to Myrtle Coldwell and Joseph Nathanson. In addition, prizes of \$5 in gold were this year offered by Mr. Arthur P. Young in memory of his mother. These were awarded on an essay competition on the subject, "My High School Course. What It Has Meant and What It Might Have Meant." On the

basis of original, constructive thought, these prizes were awarded to Glendora Rolfe and James Moran.

The following gifts to the new building have been greatly appreciated: pictures, from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Young, Willard Sampson, and Charles Smith; books from Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bearse and Arthur P. Young; cash gift of \$80. expended for books for the library; also a dining set of furniture from Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Esselen, and a beautiful silk flag and stand for our Assembly Hall from American Legion Post No. 208. For all of these our School returns hearty thanks.

It is a pleasure to recognize the very evident growth in unified devotion to the schools of this town shown by its taxpayers, parents, pupils, teachers, and Committee. For this and for all loyal support I have received in my efforts to serve Millis I offer hearty thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

LYMAN R. ALLEN,
Superintendent

TABLE I

	Boys	Girls	Total		Grand Total
Post-graduates	1	1	2	}	70
Grade 12	9	15	24		
Grade 11	7	9	16		
Grade 10	12	16	28		
Grade 9	17	16	33	}	115
Grade 8	22	15	37		
Grade 7	17	28	45		
Grade 6	25	19	44	}	185
Grade 5	21	22	43		
Grade 4	20	15	35	}	250
Grade 3	27	20	47		
Grade 2	21	27	48		
Grade 1	11	22	33		
				Total	435
				Junior	250
				Senior	185
				H. S.	—
				Total	10
				Junior	
				H. S.	
				Total	
				Lower	
				Grades	

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools of Millis:

Steady progress has been made in the Millis schools during the last year. Work accomplished has resulted from the combined efforts of a hard-working teaching force and an efficient superintendent, with the firm support of an energetic school committee.

Our September enrollment is shown in Table I.

The most important improvement in connection with the school has been the building of the Junior-Senior High School Building, opened November 2, 1931. The new building, besides solving the problem of housing the ever-increasing number of pupils, gives much greater efficiency and convenience, and better health conditions.

We immediately found that the arrangement of the rooms seemed to fit our needs, with sufficient room allowed to take care of the probable growth in our school for some time to come. The plan is good, with the three grades of the Junior High School on the first floor and the three Senior grades on the second floor.

In the basement the rooms are well finished, giving us a good-sized cafeteria for noon lunches, a domestic science room, an art room which is used for drawing, sewing and music, and a good-sized manual training room. The library, general science room and physics and chemistry laboratory on the first and second floors are proving useful additions.

The auditorium is conveniently located to be used by any grade in the entire school. At present, assembly is held each morning in the auditorium, then it is used

for physical education, music, rehearsing plays or operettas, and after school it is used for basketball, and will be used for such entertainments as we may have.

One detail that adds to the usefulness of the new building is that of lighting; all the rooms are very well lighted.

The question has been raised as to the advisability of bringing all grades from 1 to 12 inclusive together in one building. After observing the arrangement for the short period of several months, I believe it is a successful one. All pupils are now under one roof, which makes for efficiency in many ways and, in the long run, will be less expensive. Also, of great importance, the arrangement of entrances, halls, toilets, and playgrounds is such that there is no intermingling of pupils of the higher grades with those of the lower grades.

The teachers and pupils appreciate their new building and the careful planning which has included so many details which aid efficient work.

Classes in physical education were added to the regular program after the opening of the new Junior-Senior High School Building. The regular classes for grades 1, 2 and 3 are held in the school rooms or the auditorium, and those for the upper grades in the auditorium, on Mondays and Fridays. This work is being taught successfully by Miss Wilma Cole. The addition to our regular program fulfills the State requirements in physical education, and carries out the health program as suggested by Dr. Davis in his report to the Town of Millis.

Miss Cole also has charge of the girls' basketball team. There is a large squad and considerable interest in this sport as, at present, it is the only competitive game for the girls.

Our dramatics are under the auspices of teachers, school plays being conducted by Miss Rose Martinson, operettas and other musical events by Miss Elinore Cole. Miss Martinson and Miss Cole have spent much time and energy on these extra-curricular activities, and, working together, with excellent co-operation from the pupils, they have been able to accomplish pleasing results. The activities listed below have been well attended:

Senior Play, "Here Comes Patricia", December 12, 1930
 Junior High School Operetta, "The Blue Belt", Jan.
 16, 1931

Concert, The Junior-Senior Combined Musical Clubs,
 also, two one-act plays, "He Loved Kipling", and
 "The Man From Brandon", March 13, 1931.

The Senior Dance, held November 21, 1930, at Mr. Nathanson's hotel, under the supervision and direction of a well organized force of interested parents was a decided success. I wish to thank the parents for their interest and co-operation which made possible for our graduating class the trip to Washington, D. C.

For the second time the Senior Class has gone to Washington during the spring vacation. This trip affords an exceptional educational experience. I sincerely hope the pupils and parents appreciate the efforts being

made by some of our townspeople to put the acquirement of the necessary funds on a business-like basis, and thus to help make this an annual event to be enjoyed by many classes in the future.

This year the Annual Exhibition was, for the most part, confined to the work of the cooking and sewing classes, the boys' woodwork under the direction of Mr. Lee I. Towsley from the Norfolk Agricultural School, and the Health Pageant given by the grades, held in the Town Park. The building was open for the inspection of school work of all the grades.

The Junior Prom and Senior Reception was held at Snow's Hall, May 1, 1931. This seemed an unusually pleasant, yet dignified, party, with many parents and few uninvited guests from out of town present. I wish that school dances in the future might be more along this line, and we urge parents to come more often to these functions.

Athletic Night, June 16, was well attended. This activity has become one of the outstanding events of the year for the boys and girls participating in athletics. This year the group of boys, about to graduate, who were recognized, had played on our athletic teams for several years, and had made a good name for themselves, as well as placed the school in high standing in athletics.

Graduation was held in the evening of June 18, 1931. The twenty-four members are now located as follows:
In College:

Mary Downing, Regis College

Mary McCarthy, Boston University
 Alice Nathanson, Boston University
 Royden Barrett, Springfield College
 Julian Bigelow, Mass. Inst. of Tech.
 Steadman Congdon, Mass. State College
 James Moran, Mass State College

In Normal School:

Margaret Murtaugh, Framingham Normal

In Business School:

Ruth Holbrook, Burdett Business College

In Preparatory Schools:

Eleanor Bailey, Post-grad. Course, Millis High School
 Lawrence McDonough, Post-grad. Course, Millis High School
 Wendell Collins, Dean Academy, Franklin
 Joseph Nathanson, Cushing Academy, Ashburnham
 Simon Novick, Dean Academy, Franklin
 Herbert Smith, St. Anselms, Manchester, N. H.

Nursing:

Myrtle Coldwell, Mass. Memorial Hospital, Boston
 Mary Phillips, Whidden Memorial Hospital, Everett
 Glendora Rolfe, Milford Hospital
 Frances Willard, Framingham Hospital

Working:

Herbert Godfrey
 Henry Cassidy

Alice Lindahl
Howard Norcross
Carl Olson

One of the most difficult as well as most important duties of the teacher is that of grading the pupils as to scholarship and citizenship. Not only is the teacher's judgment called upon to give each pupil a fair mark according to what the pupil has done in his classes, but it is very desirable that a reasonable uniformity exists throughout the school; e. g. John, who knows his work in English has been of poorer grade than that of any of his other studies should not find on his report card the mark in English higher than those of mathematics and physics.

Our pupils in scholarship receive Grades A, B, C, D or E, the meaning of which is as follows:

Grade A. the highest grade of scholarship, representing superior work and serious study. Value, from 90% to 100%. A pupil thus ranked must prepare his lessons carefully, make good recitations either when called on or by volunteering, give good attention to his work, do his work willingly, make up work lost by absence, use good English, and show some ability to work by himself.

Grade B. Value 80% to 90%. This grade represents good, though not the highest achievement. To attain this grade a pupil must have good or fair ability, and must prepare his lessons fairly well. Perhaps, he has not fulfilled all, though most, of the requirements mentioned under Grade A.

Grade C. Value 70% to 80%. It represents average achievement. The largest number of pupils receive this

grade. There are many reasons for this. It is the grade of the ordinary pupil who makes some effort, but not the most. Occasionally a pupil of poor ability tries very hard and achieves Grade C. Again, a pupil of good ability does not try to do well, and receives C, while he is capable of a higher grade. Absence often causes a pupil to achieve this grade. Perhaps the pupil who receives Grade C lacks outside time for study and sometimes this pupil has too many outside interests.

Grade D. Value 60% to 70%. This is not a passing grade. The pupil receiving this grade in too many basic subjects cannot expect to be promoted. He may, however, stand in his studies not far below the required mark for passing. This grade results from lack of interest or neglect more often than from real inability to master the work. It may be due to absence.

Grade E. The value is below 60% and it is decidedly below passing. Very few pupils receive this grade. A pupil given this grade must be unable to grasp the subject, or have been absent much of the time, or continually have neglected his work.

In this school there are, in addition to the marks in scholarship in the different subjects studied, marks (also A, B, C, D and E) in what may be called citizenship, indicated on the report cards under the headings co-operation, effort and deportment. These marks are even harder to determine fairly than those in scholarship, and require thoughtful consideration on the part of the teachers. They are even more important, showing, as they do, the pupil's attitude towards his work, the school, his teachers and his comrades, in fact, the mental

attitude towards life which he is developing to be carried out of school with him. Often the pupils receiving the highest grades in scholarship are also those ranking high in citizenship. That is, the type of pupil who makes an effort in his studies usually has the desire to do the right thing in all ways. High marks in citizenship, however, are not limited to those with high scholarship marks. Usually, the group receiving A's and B's in citizenship is much larger than that receiving A's and B's in scholarship.

To achieve fairness and uniformity in marking under these three headings, we have adopted the following plan: The pupils' names are listed with spaces after them. Each teacher marks each pupil whom he has in class, study room or in any school activity, in co-operation, effort and deportment. The mark finally put on the report card represents the average of all the marks under that heading given by different teachers to that individual pupil for that marking period. Thus, the pupil is rated, as a citizen, not by a teacher's judgment, but by that of several, making for a fairer, more all-round estimate.

To succeed in their school work, high school pupils should do considerable preparation for the lessons of each school day. As our school program is arranged, the school hours are from 9:00 A. M. until 12 M., and from 1:00 P. M. until 3:00 P. M., giving us seven 40 minute periods, mostly recitation periods. The pupils have not enough chance during the school day to prepare their work for the next day. Therefore, they should do at least two hours of preparatory work at home. Without exception, I believe, those pupils graded A or

B in scholarship are those who do conscientious home work. The parents should, and often do, see that the pupils spend the proper amount of time in preparation at home, free from interruptions. The pupil, often, is conscientious enough to do his part without urging. This, unfortunately, is not always the case. Some pupils are indifferent. Sometimes conditions at home are not conducive to study. Many pupils leave the school building with the real intention of learning their lessons, but are not sufficiently interested or conscientious enough to overcome home or outside distractions.

With the desirability in mind of more time for study in the school, I suggest that each period of the school day be lengthened. With longer periods the teacher could devote the first 25 or 30 minutes to recitation, and the rest of the period to supervised study of the work for the next day's lesson. If there were this extra time in school for study, I believe those pupils inclined to neglect their home work would do much better than they are doing, and form better study habits. Also, the conscientious pupils would find this extra study time a convenience, and benefit by it. Many pupils will accomplish more in a short period of supervised study than they will in a much longer period, otherwise, with possible interruptions and distractions. This might be accomplished by adopting the solid-session plan or by lengthening the school day.

I wish to express my appreciation to you, and to the teachers, school committee, and others of the school department for the support and co-operation so unfailingly given.

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE F. BROWN,

Principal.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Millis High School

CLASS OF 1931

June 18, 1931

Eight O'Clock

—PROGRAM—

Processional	Priests' March from "Athalie"	
Invocation		
	Rev. Earl R. Bull	
National Hymn		Warren
	High School Chorus and Orchestra	
Salutatory		
	Julian Bigelow	
Class History		
	Mary McCarthy	
Passing By		Purcell
Dawn		Curran
	Girls' Chorus	
Class Prophecy		
	Alice Nathanson	
Nightfall in Granada		Bueno
	High School Chorus	
Class Will		
	Myrtle Coldwell	
Presentation of Class Gift		
	Mary McCarthy, President of Senior Class	
Acceptance for the School		
	Lois Esselen, President of Junior Class	

—PROGRAM—

History of the Millis Schools		
	Mary Downing	
Pale Moon		Logan
	Boys' Chorus	
Valedictory and Essay	Getting Along With People	
	Margaret Murtaugh	
Remarks		
	Rev. Joseph H. Cassidy	
Hills of Home		Fox
	High School Chorus	
Presentation of Awards		
Presentation of Diplomas		
	Mr. Rudolph F. King, Chairman of School Committee	
School Song	Thuringian Folk Tune	
	High School Chorus and Orchestra	
Gray is the peaceful night	Each year we work and strive	
Day's closing brings it nigh—	To keep our ideals high	
Crimson which streaks the sky	High as the distant sky	
In radiant light	Each one alive	
Those are our colors dear	Memories of happy hours	
Though we in numbers few	Millis, thou school of ours	
To them we will be true	Hear this our welcome lay	
When far or near.	Crimson and gray.	

CLASS OF 1931

Honor Pupils

Coldwell, Myrtle Arline	Murtaugh, Margaret Mary
Downing, Mary Alice	Nathanson, Alice
McCarthy, Mary Hannah	Rolfe, Glendora Grace
Bigelow, Julian Himley	

GIRLS

Bailey, Eleanor Mae	Lindhahl, Alice Linnea
Holbrook, Ruth	Phillips, Mary Teresa
Willard, Frances Catherine	

BOYS

Barrett, Royden Young	Moran, James Frederick
Cassidy, Henry Joseph	Nathanson, Joseph
Collins, Leo Wendell	Norcross, Howard Perry
Congdon, George Steadman	Novick, Simon
Godfrey, Herbert Harold	Olson, Carl Maurice
McDonough, Frank Lawrence	Smith, Herbert Joseph

Class Colors, Green and Orchid

Class Flower, Red Rose

Class Motto, Lifting Better up to Best

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools of Millis:

As I consider my 6th report as Music Supervisor in the Millis Schools, I feel vastly encouraged by the growth in several branches of the department. At present we have a teacher of violin, and a teacher of saxophone and trumpet. Mr. Ulmer, the violin teacher, reports a larger class than ever before and Mr. Hauck reports a class of encouraging size. Both of these men are students at the New England Conservatory of Music and come to us highly recommended. Mr. Ulmer is beginning his third year here, while Mr. Hauck commenced his work here last May. Thanks to the co-operation of these teachers, our high school orchestra is now a reality.

Last year the public musical events were the Junior High Operetta, "The Blue Belt," and the Concert presented by the combined Music Clubs. The Operetta was considered in last year's report. The Concert for the benefit of the Athletic Association consisted of selections by the boys' and girls' glee clubs of both Senior and Junior high schools. At this concert the orchestra made its first appearance and was most favorably criticised, as were the choral groups. The graduation music included some more difficult songs than usual, which were enthusiastically studied and well sung. The orchestra, augmented by seven saxophone and trumpet students, accompanied the chorus in two numbers.

This fall we began work immediately on music for the High School Dedication. The thrill of possession of such a wonderful building combined with their usual co-operation resulted in a splendid group of songs beautifully rendered. Again the orchestra participated with a membership of 20 whose names ought to be mentioned here.

Piano—Lois Esselen.

Violins—Stephen Root, Maurice Bearse, Edith Novick, John Harcovitz, William Leontie, Peter Leontie, Boleslaw Sabol, James Norton, Ruth Leaman.

Cello—Rose L. Martinson.

Saxophones—Daniel Murphy, Vernon C. Allen.

Trumpets—George Sarris, John J. Clancy, William Purdy, Benedict Veiner.

Trombone—Weston Bonney.

Baritone Horn—Robert Hoar.

Percussion—Anthony J. Pais.

The week before the Christmas vacation, the senior high school presented the Musical Comedy, "The Lucky Jade." With a spacious hall and a well-lighted stage of our own at our disposal we rehearsed to our hearts' content for three weeks. The cast was large but willing to work and the result was most gratifying. The proceeds will be spent for new music for the Glee Clubs and Orchestra, and, I hope, for a set of drums for the school.

The music work in the grades varies little from last year. A new set of books for the sixth grade is providing increased interest, and the occasional use of the piano with the intermediate grades is a source of inspiration.

Too much cannot be said for the friendly attitude of the teachers and their willingness to make helpful suggestions.

To the teachers and to the pupils with whom it is my happiness to work I owe my thanks, and to the principal and to you my utmost gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

ELINORE E. COLE,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

To the Superintendent of Schools of Millis:

In the teaching of drawing lies the great responsibility of teaching a child to see accurately and if possible, record this visual experience in pictures. We are endeavoring to teach the child to find beauty in the simple every-day things of his life, to notice how beauty is produced in commercial articles that he sees and uses, and to beautify where he may the less attractive articles and surroundings.

Throughout the course we have followed a flexible outline, providing the children with a working knowledge of color, design, lettering, and figure drawing.

The new drawing room, a sunny room with many chairs and tables, is the scene of many an interesting activity. Here may be found boys tearing newspapers in strips and rolling out pie crusts of modeling clay. Creating more rubbish for the janitor perhaps? But the clay is shaped over a mound of crushed newspaper until a face takes form, then the strips of paper, soaked in water, are laid on the clay, then a massage of paste, then more paper and paste for 8 or 10 layers and behold after drying, a papier mache mask! A boy is working with anxious haste mixing a white flour with water. Cooking class? No! the "flour" is plaster of paris and shortly the boy will have painted a charming silhouette on a

plaster block of his own making. Here and there may be found a group of girls talking about angels. No heavenly aspirations; they are designing stained glass windows such as are used in churches and for memorials. Soon will appear portfolios made from surplus posters, pottery made from clay found in our own town, pictures painted on glass backed by silver candy wrappers, lamp shades from wrapping paper! We are learning to create something unusual, useful or beautiful or all three, out of inexpensive materials.

Our exhibit last spring aroused much interest and praise. Wall paper designs, circular windows, pen and ink sketches, beautiful printing and batik wall hangings all added to the variety of the exhibit. This year the classes are larger than ever and the interest more evident; consequently the exhibit should be most attractive.

Respectfully submitted,

ELINORE E. COLE,

Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF THE COOKING DEPARTMENT

To the Superintendent of the Millis School:

My aim in my cooking classes is to give the girls a good practical course in foods, stressing their relation to:

- 1) Health
- 2) Economy
- 3) Cleanliness
- 4) Attractiveness
- 5) Immediate and suitable application at home.

After my classes had achieved some of the underlying principles needed in good house-keeping, each class took a particular line of work. The seventh grade worked chiefly on breakfasts, while grade eight studied and prepared luncheons.

The exhibition of last June received very favorable comments. This exhibition was a summary of our year's work. Grade eight exhibited four individual tables set with two different summer luncheons and two different winter luncheons. First prize was won on the summer luncheon by the group including Mary Clancy, Gertrude Clancy, Arlene Barrett, and Marion Cushman. Second prize was won on the summer luncheon by Mary Marr, and Ida Harris. Grade seven exhibited four individual tables showing light, medium, heavy breakfasts and a child's breakfast. First prize was won on the medium

breakfast by Susan Duhamel, Virginia Gavin, Mary Robinson, and Georgie Hall. Second prize was won on the child's breakfast by Shirley King, Edith Sidman, Almira Hunter, and Elsie Savage. These meals were carefully prepared on health and economic bases. Each table was decorated in a very beautiful color scheme and setting. The foods were so well prepared and displayed in such an appetizing way that it was difficult for Miss Catherine Cook, the Assistant 4-H Club Leader, to award the prizes.

The girls this year are indeed fortunate to have such a large and well equipped domestic science room. We have enough closets, cupboards, and table space so that every two girls in each division can have their own materials and working space, for which they are held responsible as a part of the program. We have five sinks, also hot and cold running water. Our only outstanding limitation is the small cooking and baking space, which consists of one large electric range.

Our first lesson in each class this year was on table-setting and serving. This lesson was appealing to the girls for now they can work with a real dining room set. In behalf of all those girls who are taking domestic science I wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Esselen for this very useful gift.

This year the food work is taken by 55 girls in the Junior High School. These girls have been divided into four divisions, meeting each week for two class periods of work. At present grade seven is working on the breakfast program, grade eight on the luncheon program and grade nine on the dinner program. Grades seven

and eight are also working on a special health program prepared by the Massachusetts State College. The girls are preparing and serving cocoa (during the winter months) to those who bring their lunch.

I wish to thank all of you who are making it possible for us to do better things in a better way.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHERINE B. EHNES.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS OF SEWING

To the Superintendent of Schools of Millis:

In teaching sewing to the fifth and sixth grades we have followed the general aims of Norfolk 4-H Clothing Club. These aims are as follows:

1. To develop the head to clearer thinking, the heart to greater loyalty, the hands to larger service and health to better living.
2. To teach the girls what it means to be "well dressed."
3. To make it possible for them to be well dressed by teaching them to construct and select becoming and suitable clothing of minimum expense, and by bringing to their attention the importance of good health habits, personal neatness, correct posture, and the care of clothing.

Grade five's program is rightfully called "Mother's Helper." Besides giving them a knowledge of the different stitches and processes used in elementary sewing, they also get practical training in home tasks. One of the H's stands for heart and service. Every girl has an opportunity to train herself to give willing service by doing things at home to help. The home service is left for the girl and her mother to decide. It may mean an assignment of some one or two tasks for which the girl

will be responsible, or it may be a miscellaneous type of home service. At our club meetings occasional reports of progress are being made. We have twenty-three girls in the grade V Busy Bees this year, with Elinor Faris, President; Norma Jackson, Vice-president; Theodora Hutchins, Secretary.

At our spring exhibition, Miss Cook, our County leader, awarded the first prize in grade V to Violet Lindahl; second prize to Sophie Niemcyez; and third prize to Carlene Waite.

The grade VI program is called the "Junior Clothing Club." The achievement requirements for this year are as follows:

1. Choose at least two articles to make. Suggested units:
 - a) Slip and bloomers.
 - b) Pajamas or night dress and kimono.
 - c) Apron and simple cotton dress (sleeveless or kimono sleeves).
 - d) Slip and simple dress.
2. Make a gift.
3. Learn to identify six cotton materials suitable for the garments listed above. Mount and label them with name, width, price and use.
4. Darn at least five stockings.
5. Do some home service, keep record of amount done.

6. Improve at least one health habit.

7. Keep a record of articles made and cost.

In the Fall, the girls make some simple articles by hand to review the elementary stitches learned in grade V. They are then taught how to use and care for a sewing machine and are given instruction in all problems which arise during the construction of the particular garments they choose to make. Wherever possible, practical problems in home-making are introduced. The girls are taught to be accurate and are encouraged to do the best work they are capable of doing.

The following girls were given awards for outstanding work last year:

First prize went to Phyllis Fraser and Janet Payson.
Second prize to Valeria Malachowski and Rita Callan.
Third prize to Aroxie Karoghalanian.

There are eighteen girls enrolled in the Junior Clothing Club this year. Emily Beatty is President; Helen Marr is Vice-president; Violet Lindahl is Secretary; Peggy Gavin is Treasurer, and Marion Johnson is club news reporter.

Both classes enjoy working in the new building.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) M. MURIEL COLE
SARA NOVICK.

REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC INSTRUCTOR

To the Superintendent of Schools of Millis:

Athletics at Millis High School are conducted for the purpose of developing true sportsmanship, sound physical bodies, and clear thinking minds.

At the practice sessions of the various sports the deep thought that a coach has in mind is to teach true sportsmanship. An unfair player is not wanted on any team, and every coach would rather lose than win unfairly. Teaching of sportsmanship now is just fitting a boy or girl for later life.

Many successful business men, doctors, and dentists after reaching a certain age find that their physical bodies are not keeping up with their work. If these men had fitted themselves properly in school days they would have different stories to tell now. The training, exercises, and general routine in preparation for a contest are fitting a child for later life.

Outwitting an opponent in a contest or a fellow player in a scrimmage trains a boy's or girl's mind to think quickly and clearly. It is a preparation for the future again, because obstacles in life are many and to overcome these a child must be trained to do so.

Although the football season was as far as scores are concerned unsuccessful (unusual as that is for Millis), it probably taught us much beside a realization that we

cannot keep on winning every year. Unfortunately we had lost many good boys from last year's team but every boy on the squad this year tried his hardest and did his best, which is all that any coach can ask for. Inexperience was the main trouble; a squad of thirty boys was carried all fall and taught fundamentals — something very essential in football. Next fall we hope our boys will do better. Let us not forget these famous lines of poetry:

When the one great scorer
Comes to write against your name
He writes not that you won or lost
But how you played the game.

The boys and girls of Millis are very fortunate in having a new, beautiful gymnasium in which to play basketball and to use for physical exercise. The locker and shower rooms for the boys and girls are complete to the last word.

The following boys participated in football:

Capt. David Congdon	Gordon King
Mgr. Daniel Murphy	Forest Goodwin
Leslie Jillson	Weston Bonney
Maurice Bearse	George Sarris
Leslie Simpson	Thomas Clewes
Aram Karoghlanian	Leonard Arber
Andrew Duhamel	Harold Carlson
Thomas Howie	Elwayne Coldwell
Anthony Pais	George DeAngelis
Philip Gavin	Frank Holt
Edward Gavin	Earl Johnston
Silas Black	Sigmund Lewandoski

Abraham Sidman
George Clark
Adrian Hardy

Stephen Mann
Augustus Moran
Norman Nathanson

The following boys participated in basketball:

Capt. Royden Barrett	Carl Olson
Joseph Nathanson	Howard Norcross
Wendell Collins	Andrew Duhamel
Steadman Congdon	Simon Novick
James Moran	Harold Godfrey
Anthony Pais	Henry Cassidy

The following girls participated in basketball:

Capt. Mary McCarthy	Alice Nathanson
Eleanor McCarthy	Edith Novick
Hazel McDonough	Myrtle Coldwell
Helen Braun	Rita Downing
Lillian Olson	Doris MacInnes
Winifred Clark	Geraldine Robinson
Irene McDonough	

The following boys participated in baseball:

Capt. Herbert Smith	Joseph Nathanson
Wendell Collins	Royden Barrett
James Moran	Howard Norcross
Simon Novick	Henry Cassidy
Leslie Jillson	Thomas Howie
Thomas Clewes	Philip Gavin

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH L. DUPLIN,
Athletic Instructor.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

During the year physical examinations were made of all the school children. Their heights and weights were determined and recorded by the School Nurse.

A number of cases of caries of the teeth were noted. This condition should be carefully looked after in the younger children because it has an important bearing on the formation of the permanent teeth. The Dental Clinic aided materially in taking care of this condition.

There were some cases of diseased tonsils and some in which the tonsils caused obstruction in breathing and poor posture. The Christmas Seal Fund voluntarily cared for a few of the more urgent cases.

The Rockville school was delayed one week in opening due to a recent case of Infantile Paralysis in the neighborhood.

Several students have been found not to have been successfully vaccinated. This is required by law and should be done for the protection of both the individual and the group.

The athletic activities were carried on with practically no injuries of a serious nature and the health of the school population as a whole has been good.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. PIPER, M. D.

School Physician.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Lyman R. Allen
Superintendent of Schools
Millis, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Town of Millis.

The desirability of good health is assumed by the majority of persons without question. The school is interested in the health of each child for the following reasons:—

1. Health largely determines the factors of interest and endurance.
2. Interest and endurance largely determine efficiency.
3. Efficiency during youth in studies and games, and during maturity, in the more serious tasks of life, largely determines success and happiness.

The school health program to meet the above objective has as its program:

1. Health service (or the giving of health examinations and inspections) follow-up, to insure cor-

rection of defects and communicable disease control.

2. Physical education, the program of big muscle activity.
3. Health education.

Through these various activities schools may accomplish a great deal in the maintenance and improvement of the health of the school child, and in educating them so that they are better able to care for their own health.

The following is a summary of health activities during the past year:—

I. Re-examination clinic (tuberculosis)

1. Number of children recommended for re-examination	6
2. Number of children re-examined	4
3. Number of children improved	4
4. Number of children X-rayed	4
5. Number of children discharged	2

II. Pre-school clinic—Dr. Piper, examining physician

1. Number of children examined	14
2. Number of defective tonsils	2
3. Number of defective eyes	2
4. Number of enlarged glands	1

III. Number of children having Toxin-anti-toxin for the prevention of diphtheria 69

IV. Eye and Ear Report:

1. Number of pupils examined	429
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2. Number found defective in eyesight	12
3. Number found defective in hearing	2
4. Number of parents notified	14

Through our pre-school clinics a large number of our children are immunized to diphtheria. We are teaching the parents and pupils the importance of communicable disease control. Among our school children we have had several cases of mumps. The knowledge of means of entire control is still incomplete, thus the reason for the large number of cases. Since September five families have been quarantined with scarlet fever, involving eleven school children.

To improve the general condition of our underweight pupils, a mid-morning lunch has been established. This project is very popular and the number of pupils taking advantage of it is increasing daily.

May Day was celebrated with an out-door pageant and the awarding of Health Tags.

It is with regret that I have no Dental Clinic report, but hope in the near future that Millis will have a school dental clinic.

I have attended all the health meetings held under the State Department of Health.

I want to thank the parents and teachers for their co-operation shown to me this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) MARTHA E. BLOOD, R. N.
School Nurse.

ATTENDANCE SEPT. 1930—JUNE 1931

In Comparison with 1930

SCHOOL	GRADE	TEACHER	Total Member-ship	Average Member-ship	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance 1930-1931	Percent of Attendance 1929-1930
Senior High	XII	Clyde F. Brown, Prin.	25	24.90	23.74	95.32	94.97
"	XI		27	24.57	23.40	95.24	96.03
"	X		19	18.18	17.10	94.08	96.00
Total for the Senior High School			71	67.65	64.24	94.96	95.75
Junior High	IX		31	30.05	28.39	94.47	94.84
"	VIII	James H. G. Cunningham	42	39.59	37.35	94.34	94.72
"	VII	Katherine B. Ehnes	39	34.54	32.26	93.40	95.46
Total for the Junior High School			112	104.18	98.00	94.07	95.08
Grammar	VI	Sarah Novick	49	45.26	42.60	94.10	95.16
"	V	M. Muriel Cole	49	44.26	41.95	94.77	93.71
"	IV	Isobel Johnson	45	41.59	38.47	92.50	93.24
"	III	Helen A. Brennan	30	27.54	26.01	94.99	92.26
"	II	Mrs. Myra L. Shannon	41	39.27	36.97	94.12	93.44
"	I	Mildred C. O'Donnell	40	35.71	32.58	91.23	89.99
Ellice	I-III	Ellen R. Horan	31	28.06	24.78	88.31	92.36
TOTAL			285	261.69	243.36	93.00	92.78

SCHOOL CENSUS—OCTOBER 1, 1931

Registration	5-6	7-13	14-15	Total
Boys	26	145	31	202
Girls	36	143	33	212
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Total	62	288	64	414

Distribution				
Public schools	51	281	56	388
Private schools		2	1	3
Vocational schools			1	1
Institutions		2		2
In no school	11	3	6	20
Illiterate minor over 16—1				

AGE — GRADE TABLE

October 1, 1931

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total	Total
I-b.	6	6													12	
g.	12	7	2												21	33
II-b.		8	11												19	
g.		12	12	2		1									27	46
III b.			11	13	1	2									27	
g.			5	15	1	2									21	48
IV b.				5	11	3			1						20	
g.				7	7	1			1						16	35
V b.					7	9	5								21	
g.					7	11	3	1							22	43
VI b.						8	9	6	2						25	
g.						12	7	6	2						19	44
VII b.							7	7	1		1				16	
g.							12	10	2	2	1				27	43
VIII b.								4	9	4	3	1			21	
g.								4	8	2	1				15	36
IX b.									8	6		2	1		17	
g.								1	8	5	2				16	33
X b.									1	4	6	1			12	
g.									1	5	7	1	2		16	28
XI b.											2	4	1		7	
g.											4	4	1		9	16
XII b.												5	4		9	
g.											1	6	8	1	16	25
Tot. b.	6	14	22	18	19	22	21	17	22	14	12	13	6		206	
g.	12	19	19	24	15	25	22	16	19	14	16	11	11	1	224	
Total	18	33	41	42	34	47	43	33	41	28	28	24	17	1		430

This table shows the distribution of all pupils in Millis schools on October 1, 1931 by grade, age, and sex; it also reveals the progress they have made. The vertical "total" column at the right gives the number of boys and girls in each grade; the horizontal row at the bottom, the number at each age. **Bold** figures show how many pupils entered at the proper age and were promoted regularly each year; figures to their right, how many are over-age for each grade and how much over age; figures above, how many are behind grade at each age. In which group is your child?

PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD

The pupils named have been neither absent nor tardy during the period indicated. Roman numerals show pupil's grade in 1931-32.

S—January-June, 1931 F—September-December, 1931
Gr.—Graduate 1931 Y—School year 1931-32

Millis Schools

IV Bailey, Lewis	f	X Ferguson, Dorothy	f
X Bandelin, Ruth	f	II Foss, Clayton	f
IV Carpenter, Fred	f	IX Gilboy, Charles	f
IV Christian, Anthony	y	VI Gilboy, Eleanor	f
VII Christian, Francis	yf	I Gilboy, Florence	f
V Clancy, George	f	VII Gilboy, Gertrude	f
IX Clark, George	f	X Gilboy, Katherine	yf
IX Coldwell, Elwayne	f	I Harcovitz, Olga	f
V Colello, Mary	f	IX Hardy, Adrian	f
X Congdon, Mary	s	VII Hoar, Robert	f
III DeAngelis, Charles	sf	IV Hoar, Shirley	f
II DeAngelis, Doris	f	VII Holbrook, Barbara	f
XI DeAngelis, George	f	Gr. Holbrook, Ruth	y
IV DeAngelis, Tony	s	VI Howie, John	yf
VI Downing, Agnes	yf	XII Howie, Thomas	f
II Downing, Anne	s	I Hunter, Herbert	f
XII Duhamel, Andrew	s	VII Jillson, Mary	y
VIII Duhamel, George	f	VI Johnson, Joseph	f
X Esselen, Helen	y	I Just, Leonard	f
XII Esselen, Lois	y	II Kelly, James	f
V Farris, Elinore	s	IX King, Gordon	f

PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORD—Continued

XI Lee, Ellen	y	VII Moran, John	sf
VI Leonti, Alec	s	X Mott, Olivejane	f
X Leonti, Peter	s	VII Murphy, Michael	f
III Leonti, Victor	f	X Olson, Lillian	s
X LeSage, Florence	f	VII Payson, Janet	f
VIII Lewandowski, Henry	fs	I Piper, Marion	f
XI Lindahl, Mildred	f	II Power, Mary L.	f
IV Link, Herbert	f	XII Purdy, Betty	f
V Lougee, Richard	f	IX Purdy, Mildred	f
VIII Malachowski, Bronis-		X Purdy, William	f
law	yf	V Richards, Shirley	f
VII Malachowski, Valeria	yf	IX Sabol, Joseph	f
VII Marr, Bernard	y	VII Sarris, Evelyn	yf
VIII Marr, Francis	f	V Savage, Edmund	f
VI Marr, Helen	yf	XII Shannon, Edith	y
IX Marr, Mary	f	VI Small, Rita	s
VIII Marr, Walter	f	II Smith, Paul	f
IX McCarthy, Cecelia	f	III Tamulevich, Edward	s
XII McCarthy, Eleanor	f	VIII Thompson, Russell	f
V McCarthy, Henry	f	I Waite, Eugene	f
VII McCarthy, Leo	f	VI Waite, Kenneth	f
II McCarthy, Marjorie	s	II Weagle, Barbara	f
II McLaughlin, William	f	VI Wells, Carter	s
IV Mezzanotti, Anna	y	IV Wells, Lois A.	y
X Moran, Augustus	f	VII Whiting, Wilhelmina	f
II Moran, Catherine	y	VII Wiles, Arabella	f
V Moran, Ellen	yf	X Woodmansee, Doris	f

